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FANS ARE ON TRIAL

WALLACE BLASTED

BY PHIL MURPHY

WOLLONGONG CITY supporters gave coach Willie Wallace a blast when they attended a special meeting to discuss the future of the club.

Supporters accused Wallace of not showing enough interest in training and contributing to a lack of professionalism within the team.

They said it is unsatisfactory to have a Sydney coach in charge of the Wollongong team and urged directors to appoint a local man in 1984.

Whether or not this was responsible, Willie Wallace did, in fact, resign as coach of the team only a few days after the meeting: he will stay on, however, until the end of the 1983 season.

The big question now is...who takes over from the Scottish international?

It is no secret former Australian World Cup striker Adrian Alston is keen to apply for the job and naturally Peter Wilson's name has also been mentioned.

Both have the qualification of living on the South Coast.

Wallace recently indicated he has been approached by two Sydney clubs for next season but said he would like to stay on in Wollongong.

Club chairman Laurie Kelly agreed Wallace has



Willie Wallace

had problems this season but added that they were not all of his making.

"We promised him more players when we lost key men from last year's squad but because of our financial problems we could not meet that commitment," Kelly said.

"Wallace has had a very limited squad to select from this season and it certainly hasn't been easy for him."

Kelly said Wallace had tried to encourage players from the youth squad but

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SAYS JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY's Soccer fans go on trial next Saturday at the Athletic Field.

That's where Sydney City Slickers take on Preston in the biggest match of the year.

It promises enough thrills, skills and drama to be a box office sell-out. Alas, Sydney City do

not have sell-outs.

One of the tragedies of the Australian Soccer scene is the way fans

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Hard going for Footscray's Joe Carroll as Leichhardt's Ian Gray and Bertl Mariani move in.

FALCONS AIM FOR THE NSL

MORWELL FALCONS have made an official application to the VSF and the ASF for entry to the revamped National League next season reports GARY CUTLER

The club, one of the most popular and certainly one of the best organised in Victoria, has all the credentials to gain promotion to the new set up.

Committee man and public relations officer Eric Hutton told ASW "We had a committee meeting last week and it was decided to make the application."

"There has been a new committee formed to collect all the details to go into the report and we are now lobbying to get support."

"Hopefully, the Latrobe Valley League will give its support to our application by ensuring that when we play at home there are no local matches on the same day."

"This would no doubt encourage more people to come to the game," said Hutton.

The finances are available to build the team which already has a number of top players and there has been no doubt about the facilities at the Latrobe Valley's top club.

With Juventus and Croatia almost certain to be accepted, my bet is the Falcons have a good chance to play NSL next year.

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NSL LOBBYING: P8

CONSTANTINE FOR COMEBACK

BY MIKE MYSTAKIDIS

JOHN CONSTANTINE has been approached to return to Soccer administration.

The offer this time comes from the National Soccer League.

A top official from the NSL has asked the former Sydney Olympic president, and now director of the Government Insurance Office, to join the new National League formation of 24 teams.

John Constantine with six years experience in

club administration, is one of Soccer's youngest top officials.

Loaded with new ideas, aware of the mounting problems which the game is facing and most importantly with no politics and personal differences, he is considering the offers.

As he said yesterday to ASW, he prefers to serve the New South Wales Soccer Federation.

He is examining all matters — particularly financial — concerning the NSW Federation and the National League before he decides.

Soccer sources are tipping John Constantine as eventual successor to Karel Rodny, the long-serving president of the New South Wales Soccer Federation.



John Constantine

SHOULD Australia's national Soccer coach be employed on a full-time or a part-time basis?

This is a question the Australian Soccer Federation will have to answer before the end of the year.

Full-time coach Les Scheinflug's contract comes up for renewal or otherwise in December. There is a strong body of opinion in the ASF that, in view of financial problems, Scheinflug should be offered part-time terms and be encouraged to seek a second job coaching a club side.

Until this proposition is actually put to Scheinflug, he is reluctant to comment. But we do know he regards the next two years as the most important faced by Australia at international level for many years.

Presumably, for this reason alone, Scheinflug would not want to see his hours on Socceroo duty cut back drastically.

Yet it is difficult to justify the employment of a full-time coach — at club or international level — when money is desperately short. When a sport operates with part-time players, does it need full-time coaches?

One of the criticisms directed at Tommy Docherty after he parted company with Sydney Olympic was that he did not spend enough time coaching the

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players.

The Doc had a problem, though. With time on his hands during the day, he would probably have been happy to coach his players.

But they were all at work until around 5 p.m. So Olympic's criticism that Docherty did not spend enough of his time coaching appears a little unreasonable.

Several other National League clubs employ, or did employ, full-time coaches.

Frank Arok and Rale Rasic have spent most of their coaching careers in full-time positions. Each filled the day-time hours in a variety of ways, for instance attending to the host of jobs in a licensed club or visiting schools to lecture to boys.

It is interesting to note, however, that Eddie Thomson, probably Australia's most successful club coach, has always had an outside job. That did not interfere with his coaching duties. Judging by Sydney City's three NSL titles in succession!

When we look at the duties of a national coach, the necessity for a full-time man must be questioned.

This year, of course, Les Scheinflug has been busy with the Youth squad and might have had great difficulty fitting in Youth team coaching with an outside job. That is, unless he had an understanding employer, prepared to give him a lot of time off work.

In other words, we may say it is desirable for the national coach to be free of outside commitments — but perhaps not essential.

Soccer could take a look at what happens in other sports as far as the national coach is concerned. Rugby League does not have a full-time man and neither does Rugby Union. Cricket is a very important sport in Australia but has no need of a full-time national coach. Or even a part-time coach.

We can forget that strange sport of Australian Rules because, of course, it has no national team at all!

Ever since 1974, after Australia returned from the World Cup in West Germany, the ASF has made its national coaching job a full-time occupation. That's fine in theory but it certainly has not produced results.

Indeed Joe Vlasits, who coached the Socceroos in the late 1960's, and was paid "peanuts" for doing it, was more successful with the Australian squad than the highly-paid Rudi Gutendorf.

There could be a moral in that story.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

NEWCASTLE 0, HEIDELBERG 0. At Adamstown Oval. Crowd: 3,078.
BRISBANE CITY 2, (Cairney, Liddell) ST. GEORGE 4 (Marton 2, Barton, Wilkinson). At Spencer Park. Crowd: 1,500.
SYDNEY CITY 3, (Mullen, Barnes, Kosmina) CANBERRA ARROWS 0. At Athletic Field. Crowd: 778.
STH. MELBOURNE 2 (Brown, Egan). BRISBANE LIONS 1, (Daunt). At Middle Park. Crowd: 3,500.
PRESTON 0, SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper). At Connor Reserve. Crowd: 5,000.
WEST ADELAIDE 0, MARCONI 0. At Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 986.
LEICHHARDT 2 (Bradley, Tredinnick). FOOTSCRAY 0. At Lambert Park. Crowd: 3,345.
WOLLONGONG CITY 3, (O'Connor 2, Cotton) ADELAIDE CITY 1, (Mullen). At Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 1,100.

NSL TOP SCORERS

M. Soper (S.O.)	13
J. Bradley (L)	12
D. Brown (SM)	12
J. Kosmina (SC)	11
P. O'Connor (W)	11
J. Paton (F)	10
C. Lucchesi (P)	9
G. Ward (P)	9
C. Egan (SM)	9
D. Marton (SG)	9
R. Cotton (W)	9
S. Bryant (C)	8
B. Mountford (N)	8
R. Brown (M)	8
B. Hamilton (B.C.)	8
D. Wright (B.L.)	8



Congratulations from team mates Paul Carter and Bert Mariani for John Bradley after scoring one of his 12 goals for Leichhardt.

NEXT WEEKS MATCHES

Adelaide City -v- Heidelberg
Footscray -v- St. George
Sydney Olympic -v- Wollongong City
Marconi -v- Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions -v- Newcastle KB
Canberra Arrows -v- Leichhardt
Sydney City -v- Preston
South Melbourne -v- West Adelaide

POTTED PREVIEW By Chrystal Ball

NO prizes for picking next weekend's super, scintillating, smash hit attraction — it's Slickers and Preston. Close thing? No. A walkover for the Sydney mob if Preston play as they did at Marconi.

Newcastle look win bankers at Richlands, too. Hope Lions can muster a few fans to show interest. Arrows v Leichhardt and Footscray v Saints promise entertaining stuff and there's a spaghetti main course at Rossley Park shared by Marconi and Brisbane City. Other fearless forecasts... Greek celebrations as South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic grab three points apiece.

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

TEAMS	AGGREGATE						HOME					AWAY				
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt	W	D	L	FA	Pt
1. PRESTON.....	25	13	7	5	41-24	46	9	2	2	27-12	29	4	5	3	14-12	17
2. SYDNEY CITY.....	25	12	8	5	36-26	44	9	4	0	22- 5	31	3	4	5	14-21	13
3. NEWCASTLE.....	25	12	6	7	38-19	42	6	4	3	18- 7	22	6	2	4	20-12	20
4. ST. GEORGE.....	25	11	9	5	36-23	42	6	5	1	17- 8	23	5	4	4	19-15	19
5. STH MELBOURNE.....	25	12	5	8	37-33	41	6	3	4	19-17	21	6	2	4	18-16	20
6. LEICHHARDT.....	25	11	4	10	39-29	37	9	2	2	26- 9	29	2	2	8	13-20	8
7. SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....	25	11	4	10	33-26	37	5	2	5	17-13	17	6	2	5	16-13	20
8. MARCONI.....	25	9	8	8	38-33	35	6	3	3	23-17	21	3	5	5	15-16	14
9. BRISBANE CITY.....	25	8	8	9	31-39	32	4	5	4	19-20	17	4	3	5	12-19	15
10. FOOTSCRAY.....	25	8	8	9	21-35	32	5	4	3	14-18	19	3	4	6	7-17	13
11. ADELAIDE CITY.....	26	8	6	12	29-32	30	5	3	4	14-12	18	3	3	8	15-20	12
12. CANBERRA CITY.....	25	8	5	12	38-43	29	6	3	3	24-13	21	2	2	9	14-30	8
13. HEIDELBERG.....	25	6	10	9	23-31	28	6	2	4	16-12	20	0	8	5	7-19	8
14. WEST ADELAIDE.....	25	5	12	8	21-30	27	4	6	4	15-17	18	1	6	4	6-13	9
15. WOLLONGONG.....	26	3	12	11	33-49	21	1	9	3	16-17	12	2	3	8	17-32	9
16. BRISBANE LIONS.....	25	5	6	14	30-52	21	5	2	5	21-19	17	0	4	9	9-33	4

UK Soccer tables

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	10	10	10	10	10
Southampton	10	10	10	10	10
Liverpool	10	10	10	10	10
Leeds	10	10	10	10	10
Manchester Utd	10	10	10	10	10
Coventry	10	10	10	10	10
Luton	10	10	10	10	10
Aston Villa	10	10	10	10	10
Nott Forest	10	10	10	10	10
Birmingham	10	10	10	10	10
Arsenal	10	10	10	10	10
Watford	10	10	10	10	10
O.P.R.	10	10	10	10	10
W.B.A.	10	10	10	10	10
Everton	10	10	10	10	10
Notts City	10	10	10	10	10
Norwich	10	10	10	10	10
Tottenham	10	10	10	10	10
Sunderland	10	10	10	10	10
Stoke	10	10	10	10	10
Wolverhampton	10	10	10	10	10
Leicester	10	10	10	10	10

DIVISION TWO

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheff. Wed.	10	10	10	10	10
Shrewsbury	10	10	10	10	10
Chelsea	10	10	10	10	10
Newcastle	10	10	10	10	10
Charlton	10	10	10	10	10
Blackburn	10	10	10	10	10
Portsmouth	10	10	10	10	10
Brighton	10	10	10	10	10
Cardiff	10	10	10	10	10
Leeds	10	10	10	10	10
Grimsby	10	10	10	10	10
Cambridge	10	10	10	10	10
Carlisle	10	10	10	10	10
Fulham	10	10	10	10	10
Oldham	10	10	10	10	10
Derby	10	10	10	10	10
Barnsley	10	10	10	10	10
Crys. Palace	10	10	10	10	10
Swansea	10	10	10	10	10

DIVISION THREE

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Orient	10	10	10	10	10
Hull	10	10	10	10	10
Oxford	10	10	10	10	10
Wimbledon	10	10	10	10	10
Sheff. Utd	10	10	10	10	10
Rotherham	10	10	10	10	10
Millwall	10	10	10	10	10
Bolton	10	10	10	10	10
Preston	10	10	10	10	10
Bristol Rovers	10	10	10	10	10
Scunthorpe	10	10	10	10	10
Wigan	10	10	10	10	10
Burnley	10	10	10	10	10
Lincoln	10	10	10	10	10
Newport	10	10	10	10	10
Walsall	10	10	10	10	10
Brentford	10	10	10	10	10
Port Vale	10	10	10	10	10
Gillingham	10	10	10	10	10
Southend	10	10	10	10	10
Bradford	10	10	10	10	10
Exeter	10	10	10	10	10
Bournemouth	10	10	10	10	10

DIVISION FOUR

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	10	10	10	10	10
Coventry	10	10	10	10	10
Hereford	10	10	10	10	10
Doncaster	10	10	10	10	10
Northampton	10	10	10	10	10
Bury	10	10	10	10	10
Chesham	10	10	10	10	10
Peterborough	10	10	10	10	10
Bristol City	10	10	10	10	10
Wrexham	10	10	10	10	10
Reading	10	10	10	10	10
Aldershot	10	10	10	10	10
Halifax	10	10	10	10	10
Tannier	10	10	10	10	10
Darlington	10	10	10	10	10
Rochdale	10	10	10	10	10
Blackpool	10	10	10	10	10
Swindon	10	10	10	10	10
Hartlepool	10	10	10	10	10
Stockport	10	10	10	10	10
Mansfield	10	10	10	10	10
Torquay	10	10	10	10	10
Chester	10	10	10	10	10

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	10	10	10	10	10
Celtic	10	10	10	10	10
Hearts	10	10	10	10	10
Aberdeen	10	10	10	10	10
St Mirren	10	10	10	10	10
Fife	10	10	10	10	10
Motherwell	10	10	10	10	10
Rangers	10	10	10	10	10
Dundee	10	10	10	10	10
St Johnstone	10	10	10	10	10

DIVISION ONE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	5	0	0	11	4	10
Kilmarnock	4	0	1	8	7	9
Dumbarton	3	0	2	4	4	6
Airdrieonians	2	2	1	5	4	6
Hamilton	2	2	1	1	4	6
Falkirk	2	2	1	6	6	6
Morton	2	0	1	10	7	5
Ayr	1	2	2	7	9	4
Meadowbank	1	1	0	4	9	4
Clydebank	1	0	1	3	3	10
Alloa	1	1	4	10	9	2
Raith	0	2	3	3	7	2
Clyde	0	1	4	3	9	1

A TOP REFEREE QUILTS IN ANGER

ONE of Australia's top referees, Bob Mee, has retired prematurely — bitterly critical at the lack of recognition for Canberra-based referees and what he described as "absurd recent rule changes," reports STEVE BURNS

Mee, 44, has been refereeing for more than 20 years in the United Kingdom and Australia.

He has refereed some 50 National League games and two full internationals and last year proved his extraordinary fitness by winning the world veteran's five kilometre walk at Christchurch, New Zealand.

He is generally regarded as the fittest referee in Australia.

"But referees in Canberra are generally ignored for the big games," Mee said.

He is the second Canberra-based referee to resign in recent months. The other was Ken Allen who also refereed in the NSL.

"I think the last straw was when an interstate referee was in Canberra on holiday recently and was given the Preston v Canberra Arrows home game," Mee said.

"I don't for one moment criticise the referee — just the way his offer was immediately accepted when no alternative interstate appointment was offered to the Canberra referee who was allocated that game."

Mee said that rule changes were frustrating — and absurd.

"All referees have now been directed to issue yellow cards whenever an attack is broken up by an illegal tackle or other infringement. How ludicrous."

"If a player ankle taps a winger who is attacking and breaks up an attack, is that automatically a yellow card offence?" Mr Mee asks.

"Of course not. A referee has to be given total flexibility. But right now, if he doesn't obey to the letter of the law under these new rules he's immediately marked down."

Mee said Soccer should adopt the Rugby League system of the sin bin.

"I've been advocating it for years. It would be a great idea. In fact in a Canberra seven-a-side tournament the sin bin has operated successfully for years."

"You can caution seven players without real impact on the way the game is played," Mee said.

"If you introduce the sin bin it would have the desired effect. Without it, under present conditions, the referees penultimate weapon — the yellow card — is almost totally ineffective."

Mee said he fervently believes Soccer had to experiment with change if it was to attract the fans.

"It has to be innovative and daring," he said.



Bob Mee whistles off a friendly, with a former Miss A.C.T. Charity Queen, Nicole Wright, there to help.

OLYMPIC CLIMBS

NEXT Sunday at the St George Stadium, Sydney Olympic clash with Willie Wallace's Wollongong City in what could prove to be an entertaining spectacle.

Last time these two teams met, Wollongong put up a tremendous fight before finally surrendering to Olympic.

In that night match, Olympic played some spectacular stuff, but in the weeks that followed, the team suffered some humiliating defeats and the trials and tribulations they went through with the "Docherty Affair."

New coach, former World Cup defender Manfred Schaefer, unlike the talkative Docherty, has said very little since taking over the Olympic team.

But Schaefer has elected to do his talking through the scoreboard.

The most notable win was last Sunday's over the NSL leaders, Preston.

Skipper of Sydney Olympic, the exploding, exciting Marshall Soper, is the NSL's leading goalscorer, having hit the target 13 times, and now Soper has found a tremendous partner-in-crime in the flying midfielder, Jimmy Patikas.

Patikas, under Schaefer's guidance, has improved his form out of sight these last three weeks.

AULDEN IS 20 NOT OUT

BY DAVID JACK

AULDEN BROWN, secretary of the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs, is celebrating 20 years in the job.

It is a remarkable story of survival in a football code which boasts few long service employees.

"Aulden Brown has been a model servant to Soccer over all these years and has worked tirelessly for this Federation," said State president Karel Rodny, adding "his 20 years in the job is a record in Australian Soccer for a secretary."

Looking back on 20 eventful years, Aulden told AUSTRALIAN SOC-

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"I was officially appointed on August 27, 1963 and was introduced to the Council of Clubs on September 4, 1963.

"It was an era when Soccer had large crowds... one of the largest being early in my career when Everton attracted a record 53,000 spectators to the Sydney Cricket Ground.

"That was the best crowd Sydney has ever had for Soccer.

"But it wasn't only at representative level that the spectators turned out.

"We were able to fill the Sports Ground for club grand finals — which means around 33,000 people."

During his period as Federation secretary, Aulden has worked from five different offices — King Street, Pitt Street, Elizabeth Street, Kent Street and, now, the Parklea complex.

Despite 20 busy years in charge, Aulden is not retiring from Soccer.

"I have no thoughts of getting out," he told me.



Aulden Brown: 20 not out.

ROTHMANS PICK A WINNER

BY TOM McKAIN

JAN KIERNO, the midfield general for Adelaide Polonia, could be in the National League next year.

The little dynamo imported from Poland, completed a magnificent season by winning the Rothmans Medal for S.A.'s First Division Best and Fairest player.

With his two-year contract running out at the end of the year, he has announced he would like a move.

"I played in Poland's top Soccer and now I would like to play at the top in Australia," he said.

So far there has been no move by Adelaide City or West Adelaide to sign Kierno — but coaches Bobby Ferguson and Alan Vest watched him earlier in the season.

With no release coming from Polonia they had to look elsewhere.

Kierno topped a tough medal count, collecting 21 votes from referees to beat Azzurri's John Francis by one, with former winner Adrian Santrac (Beograd) on 19.

Next best was last year's winner, Birkalla's Terry Hayes, who collected 14 to be bracketed with yet another former winner, Polonia's Garrie Dooley, Laurie Humphreys (Para Hills), Alan Strain (Elizabeth) and Jim Campbell (Elizabeth).

While Kierno could be a prime target for West and City, Croatia striker Gary Price, joint top scorer despite missing the last three games with a hamstring injury, is favourite to move into the NSL.

He was wanted by both teams when he arrived from England earlier in the year for the start of the League season, and interest has not waned.

Although slightly built, he has proved himself an opportunist, very elusive striker, with deadly accuracy.

It is the latter commodity which has been missing from City and West's attacks this season.

Mike Donnelly of Azzurri is another front runner who could be an NSL target although he can also play midfield.

The NSL pair are expected to do their final scouting during the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup play-offs involving Beograd, Croatia, Polonia and Para Hills.

However, at this stage it is not known if coach Bobby Ferguson will be with City next year or Alan Vest with West.

Both clubs are expected to start talks with the coaches next month.

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the team had certainly suffered through the loss of the likes of Peter Tredinnick, Arno Bertogna and Lee Adam.

"Those three players would have made a tremendous difference to our side and it is obvious we can't throw youth players straight in to replace them and expect results," he said.

Supporters were told Wollongong have a plan to build a Barton Park-type Soccer complex at Fairy Meadow.

Directors met Wollongong City Council officers yesterday (Mon.) to talk about the development.

The land is owned by the Federal Government and Minister John Brown will have talks with Kelly about the project when he visits Wollongong shortly.

Kelly said the club hopes to be able to get some Federal funding towards the development of the ground.

Meantime on October 14, Wollongong City will stage a citizens' luncheon at the Northbeach International Hotel.

Sir Arthur George and national coach Les Scheinflug will be guest speakers and tickets will be \$50 each.

Kelly said he is hoping Wollongong businessmen will get behind the luncheon to help the club's battle for financial survival.

He said the early response has been good and he hopes he can sell 400 tickets.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC VS WOLLONGONG

SUNDAY SEPT. 25

ST GEORGE STADIUM



MANFRED SCHAEFER



P. RASKOPOULOS



GRAHAM JENNINGS



KICK-OFF 3 PM



WILLIE WALLACE



PHIL O'CONNOR



RAY VLIETSTRA

ROUND UP



BRADLEY
IN — OFF

LEICHHARDT'S STRANGE GOAL

BY TOM ANDERSON.

FOOTSCRAY goalkeeper Denis Boland will long remember his visit to Lambert Park. To be more precise, his coach Bobby McLachlan will never let him forget it.

For it was the experienced Boland who set Leichhardt on its merry way to victory with an incident that produced the most incredible goal of the 1983 NSL season.

It came about in the 54th minute with Footscray under pressure yet holding on quite well.

Keeper Boland got possession of the ball with no danger imminent.

Then when attempting a long clearance, the ball hit fellow defender Kiri Kyriakoules on the back of the head and rebounded to astonished Leichhardt striker John Bradley.

Bradley weighed up the situation to perfection before he sent a high lob back into the Footscray goal area.

It was judged to the inch and crept underneath the crossbar with Boland floundering back in a vain attempt to save.

This was the goal that broke Footscray's back and the one that sent Leichhardt to a well-deserved victory.

The game was tied up in the 77th minute when Peter

Tredinnick slammed home a great goal following fine lead-up work by young substitute Gary Van Egmond and John Bradley.

As usual, it was a great team effort by Leichhardt at home on Lambert Park with every player working and having a real go.

Footscray tried hard to contain the Strikers but like many other teams this season before them, found the going hard.

Leichhardt coach Fil Bottalico is getting on with his team building job without great fuss or ado and next season his work should bear great fruit.

Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan also deserves praise for he has achieved with this outfit what no other coach could do.

He's got them well organised, self-disciplined and with a will to succeed.

In fact he's changed them from a Music Hall joke to an outfit to be reckoned with: full marks to him.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes; Carter (Van Egmond 66); Mariani, Bertogna, Brown; Butler, Gray, Tredinnick; Bradley, Valeri, Sharne.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland; McDowell, Kyriakoules, Tutill, Hazabent; Curovic, O'Donnell, Belic; Carroll, Paton, Lujic.

REFEREE: Jim Reeves.

CROWD: 2,459.



The lively Frank Farina of Canberra Arrows sprints clear of Sydney City's Alex Robertson during the match at Sydney Athletic Field.

ROUND UP

PRESTON IN UPSET LOSS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC stripped three precious points from NSL leaders Preston when they defeated the title aspirants 1 - 0 at Connor Reserve, giving Eddie Thomson's Sydney City a dream opportunity to hit the front next Saturday, when they meet Preston in Sydney.

This was only Preston's second home defeat all season and at first Olympic's new coach, Manfred Schaefer's task of travelling to Melbourne to take on the giants of the NSL, looked a "Mission Impossible."

It was obvious that Preston's strength radiates from their powerful midfielder, Odzakov, sweeper Peter Ollerton and left flankman, the wee Georgie Campbell.

But with all due credit, Sydney Olympic stuck to their task of holding the leaders to a scoreless first half with a good exhibition of disciplined defending.

In fact, they could have hit the lead with some fine shots at the target from Patikas, Katholos and solid right defender, Mike Coady.

But a great free-kick from Campbell rocketed just past the Olympic woodwork and this was followed by further shots that screamed in on Olympic's goal from Odzakov and McMillan.

Whilst most of the Olympic team stuck to their defensive duties, the NSL's top marksman and Olympic's skipper, Marshall Soper, together with Jimmy Patikas, supplied all the busts into the Preston box.

After half-time, the complexity of the game changed, as Sydney Olympic gradually fought and gained control.

Preston's skilful midfield of Flavell, Ilioski, Odzakov and Campbell began

to wilt under the sustained pressure applied by Olympic.

Patikas and Soper were superb. Patikas especially, revitalised under the management of Schaefer, exploded into the box with powerful breaks, taking much heat off his skipper, Soper.

Patikas was unlucky not to have hit the target twice in this second half with a shot in the 68th minute and a header in the 74th.

Preston striker, Claude Lucchesi, playing his first match for four weeks, seemed to be short of a gallop towards the end of the second half, and with Odzakov suffering an ankle injury, Preston lost much of their sting.

Olympic's winning goal came in the 83rd minute, when little midfielder, Gary Phillips, swung a ball from the left to the edge of the box, looking for his captain.

Soper didn't disappoint him, met the pass, and crashed home an "inswinger" that flashed just inside Preston's post.

Best performers for Olympic were Soper, Patikas, Raskopoulos and Coady.

For Preston, Odzakov, Ollerton and Ilioski never stopped buzzing.

Seconds after full-time, a nasty incident occurred when Soper was punched by a Preston player as Soper went across to shake his hand.

Referee Chris Bambridge saw the action and immediately rushed to Olympic officials to state he would submit a full report to the NSL.

PRESTON: Wilson; Petrovski, Ollerton, Jones, Opasinas; Flavell, Ilioski, Odzakov, Campbell; McMillan, Lucchesi.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier; Coady, Dakos, Herbert, Jennings; Raskopoulos, Katholos, Patikas, Phillips; Soper, Patalis (Koussas 74).

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.
CROWD: 3,450.

GOAL DROUGHT KB BLOW

BY MYLES HAY

THE goal supply for Newcastle KB United has dried up as Heidelberg goalkeeper Jeff Olver can testify after an uninspiring scoreless draw at Adamstown.

Both teams toiled rather aimlessly for 90 minutes and it is doubtful if an extra session would have provided any scoring.

Heidelberg's two-prong attack of Derek Lea and Gary Cole was always outnumbered by the strong home defence which rarely assisted in piling on pressure in a game which had to produce maximum points for KB if the NSL title was to be won.

But there was a lack of inventiveness in most of Newcastle's play — apart from some intelligent work by David Lowe up front, but he received scant support.

Heidelberg were unlu-

ky to lose skilful midfielder Theo Selemidis after only 15 minutes following a clash of heads with Newcastle defender Howard Tredinnick.

Newcastle, formerly the free-scoring unit of the NSL, have notched only two goals in their last four matches, yet have been unbeaten with three draws and a 1 - 0 win.

Local supporters had not seen their favourites in action at home for a month and left frustrated at this inability to snatch that elusive win.

Coach Ken Kaiser is obviously perturbed about the lack of goalscoring ability which has spread like an infectious disease amongst his attackers who reached almost desperation stage in trying to put at least one scoring

shot on the target.

In the closing stages, Kaiser left a limping Lowe on the field, no doubt feeling he was the one player who might grab a goal, and took off Grant Lee, replacing him with defender Ralph Maier.

Newcastle now face two away matches against Brisbane Lions and Wollongong and hope to improve on their already impressive record on visiting grounds.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Kerby, Watson, Burke, Tredinnick, Mason, Senkalski, Lee (Maier 82), Jones, Lowe, Mountford.
HEIDELBERG: Olver, McKie, MacLeod, Yankos, Tansey, Spanos, Valentine, Selemidis (Peterson 15), Campbell, Lea, Cole.
REFEREE: R. Lorenc.
CROWD: 3,017.

SLICKERS THE ARISTOCRATS!

BY DAVID JACK

PRODUCING some of their finest performances of the season — just when it was required — Sydney City Slickers romped home 3-0 against Canberra Arrows at Sydney Athletic Field.

If ever there was a day when these Arrows were well and truly blunted, that day was Sunday.

Right from the opening whistle, the home side took command.

Before half an hour was up, the match was won and lost — and we could have all gone home.

In the 21st minute, a tremendous 30 metre volley from full-back Kevin Mullen — the man of the match — shattered Can-

berra.

All goalkeeper Chris Hummel could do was pick the ball out of his net.

Six minutes later, an equally dazzling goal, this one from Murray Barnes 20 metres out, put Slickers 2-0 in front by which time Canberra's hopes of achieving anything were nil.

Slickers strolled through a second half in which Canberra faded as each minute ticked away.

Another excellent goal, scored by John Kosmina a quarter of an hour from full-time, completed the scoring.

Hummel, who was in Mexico for the World Youth Championship as Australia's number two goalie, brought off three very good saves to rescue his side from complete slaughter.

Arrows coach Atti Abonyi had nothing but praise for the victors afterwards, admitting: "They were far too good for us."

Winning coach Eddie Thomson revealed that he took a big gamble playing the partially fit Murray

Barnes and Joe Watson, and was relieved to be able to say: "They were two of our best players."

This win, coupled with Preston's surprise defeat, makes their match with Preston next Saturday the crunch confrontation.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, Mullen, (Gomez 71), Robertson, O'Connor, Cant, Kay, Watson, Barnes, Boden, Kosmina, Murray.

CANBERRA: Hummel, Murray, Byrne, Walsh, (Young 62), Ambrosino, Cole, Stone, Bryant, Gibson, Brennan, Farina.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic.
CROWD: 773.

ROUND UP

MARTON IS MAGICAL MAESTRO

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE maestro of magic football, Dez Marton, once again weaved his spell to dazzle Brisbane City and delight the fans as St George ran out impressive 4-2 winners at Spencer Park.

If there was a goal of the year competition, it would be hard to separate the two gems the brilliant Marton put away for St George's third and fourth goals.

His goal was a great effort that involved the three St George front runners, who at the end of the day, proved the difference between two good footballing sides.

Robbie Slater made a strong run down the left flank and played a superb deep cross to the far side of the penalty box. Paul Wilkinson, relishing playing his old team mates, threw off his marker and rose unchallenged to the ball.

Rather than going for

goal, Wilkinson showed great skill in nodding the ball back to Marton, waiting on the edge of the penalty box.

A cracking volley was in the back of the net before City keeper Kim Wishart moved.

Marton's second goal came from almost the same position but from a free kick.

He blasted the ball in off the crossbar and it rebounded powerfully down and out of the goal but Slater put it back into the net.

Keeper Wishart, so outstanding in recent weeks, had an off day and never dominated his area.

St George's first two goals came from crosses, one

of which should have been the sole property of the big Brisbane keeper.

In the 14th minute, after going dangerously close three times earlier, Slater got to the byline and played a low cross to the near post. Wilkinson over-ran the ball but the oncoming Mark Barton was presented with a sitter and slotted it past Wishart.

Two minutes before the break, David Skeen, who overlapped continually throughout the game, made a good run and switched the ball to Marton, unmarked on the wing.



Marton got to the line and played a high cross which Wishart should have taken. The big man strangely stayed on his line as Wilkinson, unmarked, raced in for an easy nod into the net.

If City had any more passengers, Jim Hermiston could have collected fares.

Joe Cairney, who has played reserve grade for much of the season, is rewarded in this match by

putting away, if only off his knee, a speculative high cross from Billy Wilkinson.

Frank Liddell put in City's second in after good lead-up from Williamson.

CITY: Wishart, Caird, Perry, Liddell, Wilkinson, Pimblett, Williamson, Fabrizio, Hamilton, Bromfield (Falco 63), Cairney.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, J O'Shea, R O'Shea, M O'Shea, Barton, Petkovski, Stone, Slater, Wilkinson, Marton (Danaskos 82).

REFEREE: Dave Nugent.

CROWD: About 1,500.



Young striker Peter Petkovski bursts through for the Saints against Brisbane City.

with an opportunist goal from within the area.

The goal shook South Melbourne and the home team pushed forward more regularly, aiming at increasing their lead before half-time. Their efforts failed as Lions' goalkeeper Brett Beves collected every ball inside the area.

South became more enterprising in the second-half, creating a lot of scoring opportunities before grabbing the second goal through Charlie Egan.

Ken Murphy provided the cross which resulted to Egan placing the ball into the net. The minute before, Ken Murphy himself had rattled the post with a ground shot from outside the area.

Lions pulled one back eight minutes before full-time through Clive Daunt.

Right winger Clark Anderson, a second half substitute for Steve Hogg, broke clear and floated the ball inside the area where the unmarked Danny Wright relayed it to Daunt whose left foot shot rested in the back of the net.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Blair, Davidson, Halford, Murphy, Crino, Wooddin, Brown, Yzendoorn, Egan.

BRISBANE LIONS: Beves, Vasquez, McSkimming, Hunter, Niven, Hogg (Anderson 61), R. Stewart, Wright, J. Stewart, Vincent, Daunt.

REFEREE: S.Zoumas.

CROWD: 4,000.



PHIL O'CONNOR

first home win and their loyal band of supporters were in the grandstand at the finish to give them a standing ovation.

It wasn't achieved without plenty of hard work and goalkeeper Natch

Vardareff had to pull off some good saves before the three points were secure.

Appreciating a grassy surface in his goalmouth compared to the scene of Ziems Park, Vardareff

made a number of top saves particularly when Adelaide came back with the score 2-1.

Phil O'Connor starred for Wollongong, scoring two goals and laying on the third for Roy Cotton.

O'Connor turned in a Peter Willis cross after 42 minutes to open the score.

Then Cotton got on the end of an O'Connor cross on the right with a diving header to make it 2-0.

Joe Mullen pulled a goal back for the visitors and for a while they took a grip on midfield. It was left to O'Connor to get the vital third goal with two minutes left.

Best for Adelaide City were Mullen, Charlie Villani and Les Carter — Mullen blotting his copybook somewhat soon after half-time when he was off target with the goal at his mercy.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff, Willis, Dunleavy, Vlietstra, Pollard, McBreen, Gaffney, Ainsworth, Cotton, Dickson, O'Connor.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillaber, Dodds, Banfield, Flounders, Melta, Blair, Carter, Mullen, Rankin, Villani.

REFEREE: B. Wilkinson.

CROWD: 1,121.

GOULBURN: ANOTHER NSW FIRST

WHILST ALL eyes were focussed on the senior titles held recently, a very successful coaching camp was held at the same time at Goulburn on the central highlands of New South Wales.

I contacted the organiser of the camp, Leonie Parker, and got some very interesting information from her.

Q. Leonie, this is another first for NSW. As far as I know this is the first time that there has been a coaching clinic arranged by the NSW women's Federation.

A. Yes, that is correct. In 1980 there was a coaching camp held in NSW but it was run for the AWSA by Jim Selby, the National Coach. Previous to that, Jim had run camps, basically with the old NSW association.

Q. Where was the camp held in Goulburn?

A. At the Goulburn College of Advanced Education which is really a beautiful venue. It was held from August 28 to September 2.

Q. At the College, did you have only one field to play on or was there a choice?

A. The facilities were excellent there. The Manager of the whole complex just could not have been more helpful. The college provided anything and everything that we wanted. They had facilities that we could have used but we did not need.

Q. What was the accommodation like in the College?

A. The actual accommodation was marvellous. There was a comfortable single room for each girl but thinking back, perhaps dormitory accommodation might have been better.

Q. How did this training camp get started, Leonie?

A. I put the idea forward at the beginning of the year to the Federation and during the training of the junior and senior state sides, the Senior coach, Alan Lytton, got together with myself and started the ball rolling by getting the Narrabeen Sport and Recreation camp but somehow it was double booked and that venue fell through. As you can imagine, it was very difficult to find anywhere at such a short notice for a reasonable amount of money.

Q. Talking about money, was did it cost each girl for the five days long camp?

A. It was eighty dollars per girl for the five days. This included all meals at the college cafeteria and they were really excellent.

Q. After the success of this one, have you any idea when the next one will be held?

A. This is to be discussed by the committee. Some people would like to see it held in the January school holidays but it is a little hot but definitely I think that there will be one in May or September next year. Whenever it is held, there is already a

waiting list of girls who missed out on this camp.

Q. Who were on your coaching staff?

A. We started with Victor Fernandez and we were very fortunate to get him as he had just returned from Hong Kong and none of the other coaching camps knew that he was here and he had not been snapped up.

Q. Who else was on the staff?

A. Victor had an assistant named John Doyle and I was going to assist as well but Victor rang me and said that Raul Blanco was available. We were very fortunate to have these three fine coaches for forty-five girls.

Q. What was a typical day like?

A. It started at 9am and went through until 10.30 when they had a break for morning tea. They came back at 11am and trained again until 12.30pm. After the lunch break they rested until 2pm and went until 3.30pm. It was really solid training. In fact, there were a few girls who were not expecting the training to be so intense.

Q. Had any of the coaches trained girls before this camp?

A. Raul Blanco had coached girls before but the other two had not and they were not at all sure what it was going to be like.

In fact, Victor said that he was rather expecting to having a boring week. He was however, absolutely impressed with the standard. He did not believe that the girls could play as well or have the skills that they showed.

He was certainly impressed at the way they could learn so well. He said that the girls showed a great tendency to pick things up a lot quicker than boys would have done.

Q. What sort of equipment did you have for the training sessions?

A. Unfortunately we did not have enough balls. Next time we will ask each girl to bring a ball unless some kind manufacturer takes pity on us and donates some. There was one ball between two girls but this was not good enough.

Q. Other than basic skills which apparently the whole camp followed as routine, was there anything different for the older girls with more ability?

A. There was a programme worked out that the whole camp was to follow but because of the age and ability within the three groups, this had to alter sometimes. With the senior girls, because their ability was more even in the group, they were able to press on more quickly. I do feel however, that unless the 12 and 13 year older is exceptional, a camp of this nature is a little too intense for them.

Q. With the three coaches that were used, did they alternate with the groups or stay with the same squad all the time?

A. No, we asked them if they wanted to do this but they said that they were getting used to the techniques and abilities that the girls had and therefore they wanted to progress along with them.

Q. After the training had been completed for the day, what did the girls do in the evening?

A. We did show video training films to the girls but most of the girls were mentally tired as well with trying to cope with the training which was quite rugged. As I said, this camp was experimental and obviously we are going to have to develop a programme to use in their free time.

Q. Did the girls give you any indication that the training camp was harder than any training that they were used to in their normal club routine?

A. A few said that they were used to hard training of that nature, but not quite so long. Quite a number said that they had Rep. training that was pretty tough but the majority said that the training was way out of the scope that they were used to.

Q. Was there any training for goalkeepers at the camp?

A. Yes, John Doyle gave some special training for the keepers and they were quite enthusiastic about it. A goal keeper who had played for an English team, Alex McKenzie, came down to the camp and the girls appreciated his efforts immensely.

Q. You mentioned that this was an experimental type of camp. What do you see as drawbacks that you would like to rectify at future camps?

A. The camp must be definitely selective to start with. There were a few girls there who's physical fitness or their attitude did not quite match the others and they would be taking the place of another girl who could cope and be able to train well. I do think that the number of girls in camp were a little too much and it must really be held down to an intense group who can cope with it.

Q. After the camp had been concluded, what was the general reaction by the girls?

A. They all went home absolutely tired out but said that they would all like to come again and this will be a problem in the future as with two camps a year at least, we could possibly have half that went previously with half a new intake coming.

Q. Would you have any recommendation as to when these camps should be held?

A. It is a shame to hold the camp in September when the girls cannot go back and practice their skills. With quite a number of these girls now going to play in an indoor Soccer competition they will be able to use the skills developed and this is good but May in NSW, is school holiday time and if it is to be a five day camp, it has to be held during school holidays.

Q. Did you find that having a full week camp, it was a drawback to the girls financially?

A. No, it did not seem to be considering that they had such shout notice to get the money together. I think that parents go without a lot to do these things for their girls.

Leonie Parker, the organiser of the camp, was the Under 15 NSW state coach. She is the President of the Manly-Warringah Ladies' Soccer Association, a qualified referee and a badged coach. She was recently asked to give a talk to students at the Sydney University on coaching girls in the sporting field.

SURPRISES IN G-H MATCHES

WITH the exciting premiers competition concluded, the top four teams in each division of the Gladesville-Hornsby Women's Football Association played a short post-season series to determine championships. There were surprises in the results, with several of the premier sides being beaten either in the semi-finals or grand finals.

In Division 1, premiers Hills Memorial Club were beaten for the first time this season 2-1 by Epping-



Samantha Mills (Greenwich) cleverly moves the ball past Justine O'Keefe and Rachel Owens (Gladesville Ravens) in Gladesville-Hornsby Under-14 action.

Eastwood in the major semi-final.

They roared back into the grand final, however, with a flashy 4-0 win over Gladesville Ravens. At full-time the score was Epping-Eastwood 1(Wickenden)-Hills Memorial 1(Kitts). Extra time was scoreless, but the Hills penalty kickers were deadly accurate, taking a 3-0 advantage, and the championship.

In Division 2, premiers Gladesville Ravens were subdued 3-0 by a very determined Normanhurst team (Sergi 2, Gillan). Michelle Gillan of Normanhurst was the out-

standing player on the field both in attack and defence.

In Division 3, West Ryde Eagles had beaten rivals Catholic College of Education (Castle Hill) three times during the season and play-offs. Their luck ran out, however, and the surprise result in the big one was CCE 2 (Batch, Johnson) — West Ryde Eagles 1(Jacobs).

Unbeaten Under-16 premiers Greenwich were beaten in the major semi-final on penalties by Ryde District Panthers and then surprisingly were eliminated 1-0 by Gladesville Ravens. Ravens ran into a chain saw in the grand final, however, as the Ryde District Panthers State wingers Coughy and Millar led an unstoppable attack. Final score was Ryde District 5(Millar 2, Coughy, McClatchey, Perkins) — Gladesville Ravens 1(Geist).


While the other girls were playing grand finals, the Gladesville-Hornsby under-14 teams were staging a round robin gala day tournament.

Best of the local teams were Greenwich and Hills Memorial, and the invited teams from Mt. Druitt, Blacktown, and Manly played particularly well.


The Blacktown girls were far too experienced for the other teams, and they finished the day defeating Manly 3-0 in the final.



"You were going nowhere fast in the first half. In this half I want you to go somewhere slower."



Women in Soccer



By Don Balmain

WATSON'S CROSSES

THE system of three points for a win and one for a draw introduced this year in the NSL seems to have been a total failure.

This new system was brought in hoping teams would adopt a more attacking game and therefore produce a glut of goals.

Sadly this has not been the case, and instead of the increase expected, we have in fact had a drop compared to 1982.

After 20 rounds played in 1982, a total of 475 goals were scored. This year after 20 games, only 435 goals were scored — so it seems the new system has worked in the opposite direction!

Why hasn't it worked? Well points have always been precious; now they are even more precious. So when teams get their noses in front nowadays, many fall back into a defensive shell in the hope of capturing those precious three points.

The new system is making teams more defensive than ever, especially away from home where points are always harder to get.

Look at our leading goalscorers list too and you'll see that after 23 games the top marksmen hit the back of the net only 11 times.

Again, this points to games being ultra-defensive and forwards being tightly marked. Last season a total of 701 goals were scored in the PSL, but the way things are going, the 1983 total will be far short of that figure.

must for every club to keep its playing pitch up to standard as players cannot be expected to produce the sort of football the public demands on cow paddocks.

Let's face it, there are several of these paddocks around at the moment and the NSL must adopt a policy to ensure that every club keeps its pitch up to reasonable standard.

It seems ridiculous to me that clubs spend hundreds of thousands of dollars preparing a team and then expect it to entertain on pitches barely suitable for Rugby League.

Last week against Adelaide City we had yet another poor display of refereeing. I am the first to admit a referee's job is not an easy one but please, will the good referees stand up and be counted?

It seems this season, the able whistlers have been relegated to the lower Leagues. Some of the refereeing over the past few weeks has been shocking, and I'm not just talking about Sydney City games.

I've spoken to many players from several NSL teams and they are all of the same opinion.

Honestly, some referees' decisions lately have just left everyone, on and off the field, scratching their heads with amazement. It's no wonder the majority of bookings are for dissent; players get so frustrated they have to say something and usually end up in the book.

With many important games coming up, I hope officials appoint the best available referees and give teams a fair go for the remainder of the season.



Once again this year the playing surface of many NSL clubs is shocking. I have said before that it is a

NSL LOBBYING HOTS UP

\$100,000 AT STAKE FOR CROATIA SYDNEY

THE RACE is on to join the National Soccer League's proposed regional competition reports **ANDREW PASCHALIDIS**.

It seems the number of NSL clubs will increase from 16 to 24, so there could be eight vacancies for new clubs.

Of the four places available in New South Wales, State League teams Croatia, Melita Eagles and Blacktown City are sure of their places — if they want them — but the battle for the remaining spot could be fought between five clubs.

Croatia stand to lose \$100,000 if their tradi-

tional name is banished. Both of their social clubs have stated that they will not subsidise the Soccer club if the they change their name. I asked Croatia secretary Tony Basic for his thoughts on the matter.

"We will lodge an application subject to our name approval. Let's face it, if we drop our name we will have no supporters."

"Each of our social clubs at King Tomislav and Punchbowl is willing



Raul Blanco of Melita

to contribute \$50,000 if we join the new competition but only if we continue to be called Croatia," Basic added.

Croatia have star players in all departments — and goalkeeper Steve Watson has been rated by some people as top goalkeeper in Australia.

■ MELITA

Melita president Emmanuel Said outlined the reasons why Melita, coached by Raul Blanco, want to join the new competition.

"One of the major reasons is crowd support. We have about 1,000 Maltese supporters who regularly come and see us play against Croatia and Blacktown. They would obviously watch us every week if we played against teams like Sydney Olympic, Marconi, Croatia and so on.

"If we play in a higher grade of competition we envisage drawing about 2,000 to 3,000 regular spectators. With this higher standard we can even upgrade the standards of our Youth teams.

"We are negotiating the purchase of a block of land in South Granville. Obviously our next move is to own our own club and we feel we are taking positive steps to reach this goal," Said concluded.

On the much discussed topic of ethnic names, Said added.

"We would like to retain our name because it is significant with the Maltese people. We are a very proud club and if we lose our name we will lose our supporters."

■ BLACKTOWN

Blacktown City are the third club that seems assured of a position in the new competition. Blacktown president Brian Adair spoke highly of his club's proposals and feelings about the future.

"Our club constitution states that we should play in the highest standard in this country within the cost structure of the club. This time we will enter the competition with our heads screwed on properly. We will keep the bulk

of our team and probably buy two or three star players.

"Our youth policy has elevated the standard of the junior content in the area and obviously there is even a greater incentive to pursue their Soccer career with the club.

"We will not pay extravagant sign on fees. The players will be playing under the incentive of greater match bonuses if they win.

"This year our licensed club has been travelling at its best since we started trading. Three weeks ago we had a record trading period since the club's inception. Our budget will be lodged this week subject to approval from the Board," Adair concluded.

Blacktown have many players with National League experience... none better than the hard-working Stewart Selvage in midfield.

All three clubs have valid reasons for joining the new competition and no doubt they will be included in it but the battle to win the vital fourth spot is proving even more interesting.

■ CONTENDERS

From the first division of the NSW State League, Sutherland, Manly and to a lesser extent Inter-Monaro have expressed interest. In the lower divisions Fairy Meadow, Penrith United and to a cer-

tain degree, Campbelltown City have all shown interest in the new competition.

■ SUTHERLAND

Sutherland secretary Laurie Haynes feels his club deserves to be in the competition. Sutherland have four major advantages in their favour.

The own their own ground which means no ground rental. Sutherland have the largest junior association in Australia. They have a licensed club within close proximity of their ground and over the last eight years they have only failed once in reaching the semi-finals.



Stewart Selvage (airborne) of Blacktown

'MORE GAMES NOT LESS'

BRISBANE Lions are lobbying for support for the club's proposal to alter the new 24-team National League format so plans for the Queensland teams to play those from Adelaide are scrapped.

Instead, Lions have come up with a format which would allow four local derbies for the Brisbane and Adelaide teams.

Under the present format Brisbane City and Lions, and similarly West Adelaide and Adelaide City, would only clash once in the normal draw of fixtures.

Officials from the two Brisbane clubs were shocked when they learned the final NSL format draft had virtually halved their number of derbies, particularly as the whole point of the restructuring was to increase the number of local games.

Under the Lions plan, Section B of the National Conference would be split into two — say Section B (Brisbane City and Lions), Section C (Adelaide City and West Adelaide).

Section B and C teams of that conference then would play Section A team of the same conference once, and Section A teams of the other conference once — as in the present format.

They would then play their four derbies at seven round intervals — Round 1, 8, 15 and 22.

That would be 16 games and the remaining two fixtures, to make up the total of 22 as played by the others, would be against the closest two teams from the developing areas.

The Brisbane teams would play Newcastle and say Northern NSW while the Adelaide sides would play Wollongong and Canberra.

This could be altered depending on which new developing area was admitted.

Although not mentioned by Lions, for the

Laurie Haynes puts forward his reasons why Sutherland deserve to be in the competition.

"We expect to be included on the basis of performances. Our crowds have dropped in recent years but no doubt they'll come back with a higher grade of competition being played on our ground."

"Our light facilities are adequate for night Soccer and we have proved this in previous years by staging the Ampol Cup and competition matches at night. At present we have seating for 1,800 people. However our amenities need updating and this will happen in the off-season."

"We have estimated that it will cost us from around \$140,000 to \$160,000 to run the club in the NSL next year. To overcome these costs the Junior Association will be giving us untold support."

"The club has run to a large extent from the voluntary help of our supporters. With the increase in crowds we will receive an increase in subsidy from our licensed club. Most of our players will stay on next year and we won't have to fork out huge payments in sign-on fees."

lastly we have been negotiating with sponsors which looks fruitful at present," Haynes concluded.

■ MANLY

Manly are the only north of the harbour side which has shown interest in the NSL. Club president George Dick expresses his views.

"We believe in a fair picking order: that is, if we come fourth we will press our claim but if we come fifth we will wait and see if any other club ahead of us declines to put forward an application."

"I do think we need a NSL club on the North Shore and at this moment I feel we have the facilities. We have our own ground and our clubhouse, which is next to the playing field, will hopefully be operational within three months," Dick said.

People would not doubt the facilities at Cromer Park especially after the success of the recent U/15 Australian Championships held there.

■ INTER-MONARO

Inter-Monaro's application to join the new competition is subject to a council meeting to discuss getting a permanent playing field.

■ FAIRY MEADOW

In the second division Fairy Meadow have shown a keenness to be considered in the new format. Club secretary Walter Chichkan put forward his club's view.

"We are interested in joining providing that we get the right backing. Any club would be kidding itself if it didn't get the right sponsorship and backing."

"The strongly backed Italian Fraternity club, which we have been closely associated with and supported by for 14 years, is having a new election of Directors and we can only wait till that is resolved."

Any team that has played Fairy Meadow in Wollongong can vouch for the strong crowd support they have and if they can get some form of backing from the Fraternity club, they have an outside chance.

■ PENRITH UNITED

A team with a great chance of sneaking into the vacant fourth position is Penrith United. Club spokesman John Glinn gave me his club's view:

"There is a market to bring top Soccer into this area on a regular basis. At the age of 16, a lot of our juniors filter away from this area and we aim to foster this talent within our boundaries."

"It must be pointed out that we don't intend to drop the NSW Federation. The whole community is behind this effort and at this stage we have plans to update facilities at Cook Park."

"We are planning the erection of a \$1,250,000 stand. The playing surface is going to be torn up with a new drainage system built. We will be inserting aluminium seating around three sides of the ground for 5,000 spectators," Glinn concluded.

However, the final decision on which teams will be included will not be known until November 1.



Steve Watson of Croatia

WEST ADELAIDE and Adelaide City had their scouts out at the S.A. Federation Cup Final last weekend.

Their target was Fortunio Constanzo, striker for Second Division champions Salisbury.

A big powerful front-runner who has tremendous speed off the mark, he would be a natural for the NSL but Salisbury, at one stage NSL candidates, has him tied up for next season.

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BULLI have a good young prospect is Mark Hancox, who is playing in the club's reserve grade side.

The son of former long-serving Bulli player Paul Hancox, Mark has inherited a lot of his father's ability.

A very industrious player, he scored a goal in his team's 4-0 win over Warilla Wanderers in the reserve grade semi-final.



AFTER four weeks on the sideline with a muscle injury, it looks like the end of the season for Adelaide City captain Buggy Nyakohus.

He missed only one match with injury since joining City when the PSL kicked off, but this time tried to hurry back and did more damage.

BRISBANE City's Joe Cairney, thought by many a certainty for the transfer list at the end of this season, has been given a second chance by Jim Hermiston and appears to be making every post a winner.

After being dropped to the premier league several months ago, Cairney was brought back into the Gladiators side after a goal-scoring spree for the City Reserves. And since his return Hermiston has rated Cairney as one of his most constructive players, holding the ball in attack and adding bite to the City forward line.

"You have to give everyone a fair chance. I'm giving Joe one and hopefully the City fans will too," Hermiston said.

SOCCER'S big social night of the year, the Australian Soccer Press Association (ASPA) awards function, is scheduled for Melbourne this year.

Trouble is, Melbourne's ASPA president Les Shorrocks has been trying for weeks to find out when and where.

Now it appears likely for November 14.

at the Southern Cross Hotel.

TAA, once again, are generously involved, with interstate air tickets for guests plus a super holiday prize for the NSL player of the year.

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NEWCASTLE KB United's good defensive record this season is due largely to the fine central defensive pairing of Peter Burke and Gary Watson.

They have done much to tighten the rearguard since the departure of long serving Roy Drinkwater and John Sneddon.



DAVID Green had a mixed weekend recently...

Green is dual registered with Wollongong City and Illawarra premiers Figtree and played for the two teams on successive days.

On the Saturday he was used as a replacement for Roy Cotton for Wollongong when they lost 4-0 to a St George side that really fired on all cylinders.

The following day he again went on as a replacement for Figtree in their major semi-final against Warilla.

This time he was on the winning side, Figtree winning 1-0 through a Phil Brown penalty and going straight into this Saturday's grand final.

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MARSHALL SOPER has regularly been in the headlines in his debut season with Sydney Olympic but might be in the news with a different club next year.

Plenty of Leichhardt fans would like to see Soper back at Lambert Park in his old maroon jersey. Coach Fil Botalico says: "I wouldn't mind having Soper back."

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AUSTRALIA will definitely travel to Singapore in December to defend the Merlion Cup it won last year.

But it's possible the Socceroos will play without having any pre-tournament international matches as a build-up.

The four-nations series, which was supposed to be staged in Australia in November, has been scrubbed. And a short tour here by one country, Uruguay, has also been ruled out.

A top man at the Australian Soccer Federation said: "We didn't want Uruguay without a firm guarantee that the ASF would not lose money on the series."

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HAVE you noticed how quickly and ruthlessly coaches are shunted out by National Soccer League clubs?

Some are shown the door after half a year in their jobs — and that's plain crazy.

One prominent coach has a theory. He said: "Since the NSL started, clubs have poured enormous cash into the game. In return for their hard-earned money, they demand immediate results."

He's probably right. But it's inexcusable the way coaches are being liquidated.

LEICHHARDT are thrilled with the way their youngsters have earned spots in first grade this year, but coach Fil Bot-



Jimmy Rooney.

talico says he'd like a "general" to add stability and experience to the side.

Pity they couldn't knock a few years off Jimmy Rooney's age!

A NUMBER of clubs in the Newcastle area have shown interest in making a bid to be accepted as a member of the new look National League regional set up.

For a number of years arguments have been put forward that Newcastle and district is capable of having a second NSL side, ensuring that a game is played each weekend.

Owing to a switch of fixtures involving Sydney Olympic, Newcastle KB United have played three successive "away" matches — hardly the way to promote the code or to assist with the difficult task of "balancing the books", with no revenue coming into the club for that lengthy period.

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BAD news for West Adelaide midfielder Mickey Brennan.

He has been refused a permanent residency, despite the fact he has a job and home and is married with two children.

But the English import is still hoping. West is working on his behalf, and a Federal Parliamentarian is also looking into his case.

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STEVE ATLASALAS hopes to be back in the West Adelaide line-up next weekend.

Concussed in the match against Lions in Brisbane, he had to lie down in the plane home and was a very sick boy.

Atsalas has been one of the big successes from West's younger brigade this season.



ATTI ABONYI's plans for 1984 remain up in the air. Will Atti stay in Canberra with Arrows or head home to join a Sydney club?

Abonyi says: "The decision is not really mine — I must see what Canberra

come up with."

His contract is only to the end of this season. By the way, Abonyi says he's heard nothing official from Croatia Sydney, a club which put Atti at the top of its list as 1984 coach.

WEST Adelaide coach Alan Vest and Lions' Simon Kistemaker renewed an old association when they had a quick chat after their 2-2 draw at Richlands recently.

The pair first met at a coaching clinic in England nearly 10 years ago but had to come half way around the world before meeting up again.

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PATRICK NALLY, boss man of marketing firm West-Nally, will be in Australia soon.

He can't get here quickly enough for the Australian Soccer Federation which could do with West-Nally sponsorship cash to ease a few problems.

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation has received sponsorship from Carlton United Breweries for the 1983 finals in all divisions.

Instead of the normal after-match Grand Final functions, the Federation has organised a "Meet the Qualifiers" night at Adamstown Rosebuds Club on Wednesday (tomorrow).

Players and officials of the First and Second Division grand finalists and also the Rosebud Under 18 grade finalists will be present in addition other invited guests.

This is a novel innovation in a sound promotional build up to the climax to the Northern NSW season.

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VSF CHIEF SEEKS A SECOND TERM

POPULAR VICTORIAN Soccer Federation president, John Dimtsis, will lobby to retain his position for another two years.

He comes up for re-election at the VSF's annual meeting next month.

He said this week he was expecting promotion as an executive with the Victorian State Bank but this would not mean he would give Soccer.

John has been a tower of strength in the VSF since he took over as presi-

dent from Theo Marmaras, and has visited all country areas making many friends in the code.

He is an excellent after dinner speaker and has had little trouble filling the position Mr Marmaras, now in his 70's, held since the inception of the VSF in 1960.

Apart from the presi-

dent's position, there will be a vacancy for a vice-president as Mr Eric Heath, a former Moreland player and now a Melbourne businessman, also will retire after two years in office.

Last year when Peter Collins was re-elected as the other vice-president of the VSF, the position was contested by Don Sutherland, a managing director and former player and chairman of the Met-

ropolitan League; and a Press photographer contested the vacancy.

This year Mr Sutherland, head of a world-wide surgical instrument manufacturing firm, will also contest the position.



John Dimtsis (right) congratulates Theo Marmaras at a function in recognition of his services to the Victorian Soccer Federation.



John Dimtsis, looking for another term.

Mr Lew Stafrace, a member of the VSF board and also chairman of the publicity and planning committee, also seeks re-election.

Mr Stafrace, a St Albans businessman, has worked hard almost entirely on his own in promoting the game in Victoria. But he has a committee which includes, apart from Mr Collins, Mr Sutherland and a former player, Russell Lea, who is publications manager of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners.

The committee have worked hard recently trying to find a new sponsor for the very popular Am-

SOUTH'S STATE LEAGUE

CLUB MAY GO

SOUTH Melbourne's State League club is expected to be disbanded next season as the club is costing too much to run and it serves no purpose!

Last year there was much lobbying to get the side into the State League when they bought out St Kilda Hakoah.

But since their introduction to the League they have failed to succeed and are on the bottom of the table with one

game to go before the end of the season.

Coach Jim Armstrong has battled against the odds to make anything of the side and there has been little communication with the media about the team since Jim Diamataris handed in his

shock resignation two months ago.

HOLLAND PARK STAR STILL IN A COMA

MEMBERS OF THE Turkish community and the Holland Park club are waiting anxiously for good news from their star player, Enver Yahya, who is in Royal Melbourne Hospital in a coma.

Enver, a 26 year-old midfielder, was on his way to a League game when he swerved to avoid a pedestrian who ran out in front of him.

His five-year-old son, Umud, was in the car with him. It took three hours to cut Umud out of the wreckage. He walked out unhurt.

But it wasn't the same for Enver. He had serious head injuries and was taken to hospital where he has been for almost a fortnight.

Enver, who has been with the Turkish-sponsored club for three years, lives in Pascoe with his wife, Gulay, and also a three weeks old baby boy.

On the day of the accident, the Holland Park committee were in a panic when he failed to show up for the kick-off.

He was replaced by midfielder Savas Saglam, 18, the son of Abdulha, the club's capable secretary.

Holland Park went out and defeated Regent 5-0 with Savas scoring four of the goals.

LET-DOWN

THE time was 7.30am Wednesday, Sept 7 1983. My family and I were up early this morning, "hubby" going to the newsagent to collect our usual copy of SOCCER WEEKLY.

We were all excited waiting to see the photographs — reports — comments etc on the Australian U15 Titles.

What did we find to look at and read?

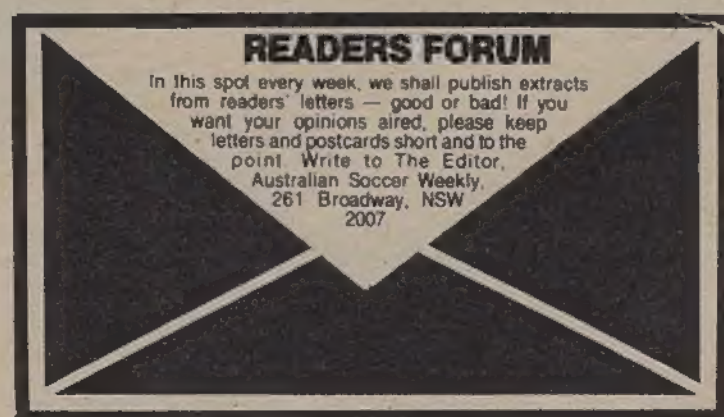
Your publication two weeks ago gave a tremendous build up, giving the occasion what it deserved.

This week's edition did not give us any real information such as league placings, who were the goalscorers, what was the standard of Soccer etc. In short, a big let down to what we were hoping for.

To think of the family expense involved by all the parents of the players from all States, I am quite sure they also are disappointed.

Remember SOCCER WEEKLY, you are OUR Soccer paper. We expect proper coverage of Championships such as these. There is no way we get detailed coverage in daily newspapers.

One final note and this is to the NSW Amateur



READERS FORUM

In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point. Write to The Editor, Australian Soccer Weekly, 261 Broadway, NSW 2007.

Soccer Federation. From what we have been told, the Championships were well run and a big thanks to the people who helped by billeting the players.

NOTE: Would there have been more coverage IF the "Blues" had won? Well played Qld U16's next year?

M. BELL, Strathpine, Qland, 4500.

WOULD it be possible for you to give me an address that I can write to the Manchester United Soccer team? Also is there a Manchester United fan club I could join.

Any information you could supply would be appreciated.

LIANE ROSE, Springbrook, Qland, 4213.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Write to United at Old Trafford, Manchester M16 0RA, England. Also, perhaps ASW readers

know if there is a United fan club in Australia.

FOR KIDS?

I WOULD if I may, congratulate those fine Sydney Olympic supporters, who have created a new craze for children.

During the school holidays we have had in Canberra visitors from all over, and we welcome them.

But I am aghast at the latest craze I have discovered with the Soccer juniors.

The object is for them to shout at the tops of their voices "Olympic, Olympic", then they spit at one another.

Olympic supporters, by their disgusting example, showed our children how to behave.

Three cheers for the Doc for having the fortitude to walk out on such

supporters, as the handful, unfortunately who give the good name of Soccer no glory at all.

One day all clubs could have such well behaved supporters as Canberra Arrows and Newcastle KB United.

DEREK ROBINSON, Ainslie, ACT, 2602

ODD GOALIE

I WOULD like to congratulate you on your publication. In the three years or so since its launch, ASW has set a standard of Soccer reporting for others to follow.

Unfortunately it was this reputation that I felt was somewhat shaken after reading Andrew Paschalidis' report on NSW State League goalkeepers dated 6/9/83. I have no quarrel with the report; on the contrary I thought it accurate and well written. What I did find annoying was the fact that he mentioned every keeper from every State League club bar one: INTER MONARO'S.

Being a Canberra Arrows supporter, I have no great desire to promote the interests of our neighbours from Queanbeyan. I do however, have an interest in the team in as much as two youngsters from last year's Arrows Youth team — striker,

Alan Reis and goalkeeper, Michael Hocking — transferred to Inter Monaro at the beginning of the season. Hocking, while taking time to break into the first team, conceded only one goal in his first six games and has continued to perform well.

I fully understand that being situated in Queanbeyan it is often difficult to obtain information on the club and players. However I do feel that having been of significant influence in the State League over the years (Grand Final winners in 1979), an attempt should be made to include them whenever possible.

Inter Monaro Sympathiser
CANNBERRA

LEFT-OUT?

AS AN Inter-Monaro supporter, I was disappointed with the article by Andrew Paschalidis on State League Goalkeepers (ASW 6.9.83). Although he mentioned goalkeepers for 12 clubs, sometimes 2 or 3 from the one club, he completely omitted Goran Curcic and Michael Hocking from Monaro.

Curcic, played early in the season and did quite well, but was replaced mid-season by Hocking, who transferred from Canberra Arrows. Leav-

ing aside the game against Canterbury, in which he was injured but not taken off, Hocking has had only 4 goals scored against him in 8 games, so surely he is worthy of a mention in any article on State League keepers.

I have also noticed that any time a game is not reported, it's always the Monaro game — this has happened several times this season, though I am not sure where the blame for this lies. They really seem to be on the "outer" as far as publicity is concerned, maybe because of being the only State League team outside Sydney. Canberra Arrows

certainly get their share, so how about a bit more from Monaro?

Damien Howe, Weetangera, Canberra.

UPSET!

I COULDN'T believe my eyes when reading your paper on goalkeepers. You left out one of the best in the whole State League — Michael Hocking of Monaro. Though relatively inexperienced, he's played really well. Just ask anyone at Monaro (especially Roberto Vieri). Please don't leave him out next time!

J. Knowles, Canberra.

ASW is gratified at the response Inter-Monaro supporters have shown in coming to the defence, or rather the omission, of the names of Hocking and Curcic in the recent article on State League goalkeepers.

This was not intentional but we should point out that Andrew Paschalidis was at the game when Hocking conceded six goals in a second round clash against Canterbury at Arlington Oval. However we were not aware that Hocking carried an injury into the game.

Finally, Andrew has covered every NSW State League game this year. Our correspondent in Canberra, Steve Burns, has submitted major stories on Roberto Vieri, Nikola Duvnjak, Alan Reis and Monaro's future plans for their home ground, Marco Polo Oval.

EDITOR

**TOM ANDERSON MAKES HIS
TEAM OF THE YEAR SELECTION
AND CALLS IT THE AUSTRALIAN**

FIRST ELEVEN

IN this day and age some Soccer players go out of their way to seek fame, while others have it thrust upon them.

Especially here in Australia, where our players as a whole tend to be introverts unlike their headline seeking colleagues from Europe and South America.

It's now getting near the time of the year when the form of the past nine months is analysed and the best players are given various awards for their efforts.

The recipients of these

awards are thrust into the headlines and become "personalities" overnight.

The outgoing player loves every minute of this new-found fame, but his more introverted colleagues surprisingly find the whole thing an ordeal.

This is a shame, as, at the moment, we have a glut of outstanding players in Australian Soccer, performers with the ability to become household

names.

Often in the past, the media has come under fire for not promoting and building players into personalities.

But surely this can't be said now, as Soccer is getting more coverage in the Australian media — the press, television and radio than at any other time.

But the media has got to have material to work on and it is to be hoped this year's award winners are not backward in coming forward in uttering a few words and putting their views.

Now without fear or favour, I will select my "team of the year" of players who are, and have been, the best in their positions over the past nine months.

However, I'm afraid there will be no monetary rewards for these guys as after all I'm only a poor sports writer!

However, if I wore a bowler hat, I would doff it with pleasure to the fine players in my team of the year.

No doubt many of our readers, coaches and players will disagree with my selection which of course is only natural. If you walked down the main street of any city and stopped and asked 10 people to name their top team you would find yourself with 10 different selections.

That's human nature — it always will be.

Here's my selection, my Australian All Star team of the Year.

The goalkeeping position is a key one and it is very important to select a man who will not undo the good work of the 10 other players in the team.

Obviously Terry Greedy must be high in contention in this position as he has played well for St George this season and also had a fine series against England.

Two other NSL keepers who have caught the eye are Marconi's Bruce James and Brisbane City's Kim Wishart.

Both these fellows are excellent on their day and could fit into any team.

However my goalkeeping choice would be a youngster not even playing in the NSL.

Young Tony Franken from the Australian Institute of Sport team.

Franken's displays in Mexico in the World Youth Cup finals were just tremendous.

Under great pressure in front of big crowds (around 110,000 at the Aztec Stadium) he was absolutely marvellous and he played with a maturity well beyond his tender years.

In fact, I have no hesitation in saying he's the best goalkeeper I've seen since Jack Reilly hung up his boots.

There are a number of top line contenders for the full-back positions with plenty of talent available.

Players such as Bobby Russell, David Skeen, Alan Davidson, Howard Tredinnick, Ian Souness and Graham Jennings to name a few.

My choice would be Davidson in the right back slot and Jennings on the left.

Both demonstrated more than enough against England to show this is a combination that could serve Australia for years to come.

There are a host of candidates for the central defensive and sweeper positions and this indeed is a gratifying situation.

The men who readily come to mind are David Ratcliffe, Steve O'Connor, Charlie Yankos and Bertie Mariani.

My choice here would be Ratcliffe as stopper and Yankos as sweeper as both players seem to work together and have a fine understanding.

In the midfield we must have a blend of constructive and destructive players.

This is the engine room of the team and the key to success or failure.

The failure to get the correct blend in this department always spells disaster.

My four midfielders are Joe Watson on the right, Peter Tredinnick on the left, Arno Bertogna as a defensive midfielder and Jim Cant as the work-horse in the middle.

For my money this combination has the lot — skill, technique, constructive ability and also the destructive power.

The wide men Watson and Tredinnick have the ability to break through and become attackers when required.

Both these players



Above, left Tredinnick and right Davidson



My two would be Marshall Soper and Phil O'Connor.

Soper, of course, is a problem player and at times lacks self-discipline.

However if handled properly, he is a match winner.

So there it is, my team of the year, selected on merit this season.

GOALKEEPER: Tony Franken.

DEFENCE: Alan Davidson, Charlie Yankos, David Ratcliffe, Graham Jennings.

MIDFIELD: Joe Watson, Jim Cant, Arno Bertogna, Peter Tredinnick.

STRIKERS: Marshall Soper, Phil O'Connor.

could be used as midfielders-cum-strikers.

To finish my selection, two front runners are re-

quired and this department again is the thin line between success and failure.



ASW and the Pacific Soccer Camps believe that we should catch them young. Whilst Pacific concentrates on the leg work we want them as readers.

This group photograph was taken at the live-in

CATCH 'EM YOUNG

camp in the Sydney University grounds. Over 730 kids attended the May term and another 420 settled for the August week.

The turn-out was magnificent as the boys homed in on Sydney from Cairns, Canberra, Broken Hill and Orange.

The response has already worried the organisers about 1984. Already the May week is almost booked out. So early, though we have been told that the Camp is looking for extended capacity.

FANS ARE ON TRIAL

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shun the Slickers.

Eddie Thomson's boys have won three successive premierships and, after Saturday, could be heading for their fourth.

With the Rugby League grand final being televised live, Sydney City

have made the logical switch by playing Preston on Saturday rather than Sunday.

There are no excuses for Sydney spectators to miss this "Saturday Soccer Spectacular."

It is Soccer's equivalent

to the "Gunfight at the OK Corral!"

"I'd love to see a big crowd at this so-important match," said Slickers coach Eddie Thomson.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY joins "E.T." in that wish.

Be sure of one thing... if the fans roll up in hundreds and not thousands, they do not deserve top quality Soccer.

The fans go on trial next Saturday as well as the 22 players.

Eddie Thomson is now running hot and nothing will stop him in his quest to grab his fourth consecutive NSL title in just four years coaching a senior team.

Next Saturday all hell will break loose as current champions Sydney City, clash with Victoria's NSL leaders, Preston.

At one stage it looked as if Sydney City would lose its grip on the title, but Sydney Olympic last Sunday grabbed three vital points from Preston to help Thomson's team.

Thomson did his part as Sydney City wiped out Canberra.

Now there are only two points in it. Thomson told ASW last night: "We had great confidence in Sydney Olympic doing the job

for us, and they did it methodically and most effectively. Now we must pay back Olympic by finishing the job for NSW."

Thomson will use his industrious, mobile midfield of Watson, Kay, Barnes and Murray to do battle against Preston's Campbell, Odzakov, Ilioski and Farrell.

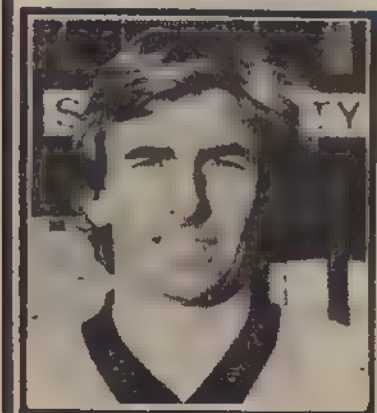
Sydney City's firepower will come through the dynamic duo strike-

force of Kosmina and Boden. The magic of Kenny Boden has been missed in so many matches this season, due to injuries. But Boden's presence will be so valuable against Preston's tight defence of Petrovski, Ollerton, Jones and Opasinas.

This will also be a battle of wits between the coaches, Thomson and Peter Ollerton, the NSL's youngest Soccer masters.

SYDNEY CITY vs PRESTON

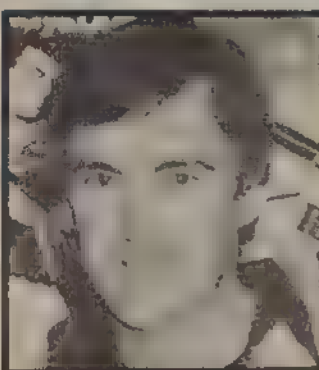
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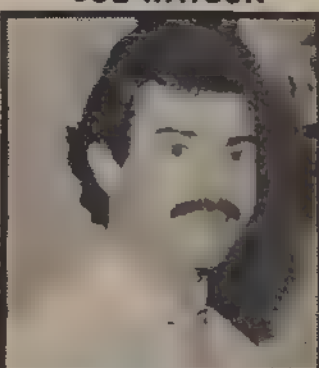
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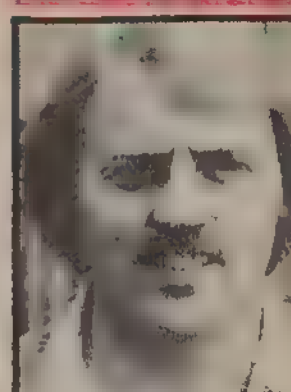
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BATTLE OF THE GIANTS — TITLE DECIDER



AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

BY ANDREW
PASCHALIDIS

EAGLES DREAM COMES TRUE

MELITA Eagles clinched the 1983 Championship with a powerhouse display of attacking Soccer to defeat Polonia 7-0 at Melita Stadium.

Melita, who have been longing to win the Championship for many years, secured the title through a scintillating team effort and racked up their first goal in only 53 seconds.

McCausland put the ball through for Griffith on the left and his cross from the by-line was slammed in by McKie.

In the 34th minute Farnsworth made it 2-0 after he beat a couple of defenders and let loose with a smashing drive into goal.

Minutes later Farnsworth made another dashing run down the right side, left two defenders sprawling and passed the ball to Allan who made no mistake.

The second half was even more processional

with the firmly encamped Melita attack recording another four goals.

Griffith displayed his cool-headed attacking ability in the 70th minute. Moving forward on the left side, he beat two defenders and let loose with a confident drive into goal.

Only a minute later Griffith was in the thick of the action to set-up McKie with his double for the afternoon.

But the most dynamic goal of the day was scored by the ever present Griffith in the 81st minute.

He won possession on the halfway line, beat seven defenders in his surging run towards goal and unleashed a confident low shot into goal.

Farnsworth put the icing on the cake with one minute to go. He beat a defender on the right side, drew the 'keeper and from a close range slammed the ball home.

MELITA: McPherson, Williams, Cross, McGinn, Daley, Griffith, Farnsworth, McCausland,

Allan, Farrugia (Gavin 61), McKie.

GOALS: Melita (Farnsworth 34, 89 Griffith 70, 81, McKie 1, 71, Allan 38).

SHARKS FOURTH

SUTHERLAND finished the competition in fourth place after they convincingly defeated Canterbury-Marrickville 2-0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

Sutherland overcame the early pressure from the Berries to score two well-taken goals in the first half. This was Sutherland's best effort in the second round and happily for the Sharks, they maintained their momentum for the full 90 minutes.

Early in the game Sutherland 'keeper Haynes thwarted the Berries with two fine saves.

And fine work featured again in the Sharks first goal. In the 29th minute Terrey combined with Cashman and Webber in 1-2 movements, received the final pass from Webber, turned around a defender and lopped the ball over Canterbury 'keeper El Zein and into goal.

In the 42nd minute Beggs put the Sharks further ahead after he latched onto a through ball from the midfield and curled it into the top corner of the goal.

The second half proved to be a case of lost chances for the Sharks. Meades hit the post and a penalty from Dal Forno was well saved by 'keeper El Zein.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schuman, Dal Forno, Cashman, Harrington, Webber (Clinch 67), Beggs, Groome, Meades.

CANT-M'VILLE: El Zein, Antonopoulos, Laws (Philipiou 62), Hantzis, Palmer, Anagnostopoulos, Laing, Vasiliou, Theodorakopoulos, Demetriou (Thamnidis 45), Basterfield.

GOALS: Sutherland (Terry 29, Beggs 42).



Wayne Farnsworth (right) a four star performer for Melita in their 7-0 win over Polonia. Photo by David Jeilings.

BLACKTOWN STAND FIRM

BLACKTOWN CITY have forced Ku-Ring-Gai out of the semi finals when they battled to a 2-2 draw at the Gabbie Stadium.

It was a crucial game for Ku-Ring-Gai and for a 40 minute period the Chasers led the game by the odd goal. However, Selvage scored the equaliser for the Demons with only 14 minutes remaining.

The game erupted in the 3rd minute when Blacktown defender Brogan sent McLaughlin through and he confidently drove the ball into goal from 15 metres.

The Chasers levelled terms three minutes later after Eaton scored from the spot following a foul inside the area by Blacktown's Larkin.

The Chasers hit the lead in the 36th minute when Eaton beat the off-side trap and chipped the advancing Blacktown 'keeper, Hoare.

But the Demons fought hard for the equaliser and came close following attempts from McLaughlin and Brogan moments before the break.

The 60th minute proved to be the turning point of the game. Ku-Ring-Gai striker Leak burst through and his powerful 22 metre drive was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Hoare.

Selvage levelled terms for the Demons after he skilfully glanced a cross from Davies into goal.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Rassmussen (Quarmby 81), Turnbull, Wheatley, Pointer, Selvage, Davies, Brogan, Walker, McLaughlin, Larkin.

KU-RING-GAI: Curtis, Kevern, Berry, Bertram, Robertson, Knight, Leak, Brockbank, Regan, McKegan (Davidson 45),

GOALS: Blacktown (McLaughlin 6, Selvage 76), Ku-Ring-Gai (Eaton 6, 36).

CROATIA PIPPED

YUGAL forced Croatia into second position in the competition on goal difference when they held them to a 0-0 draw at King Tomislav Park.

This draw, against most of the odds, destroyed Croatia's premiership aspirations after Melita's comprehensive 7-0 victory over Polonia left them behind on goal differences.

Croatia maintained pressure throughout the game and it was largely due to the tenacious efforts of Yugal's McIntosh, Clarke and goalkeeper Smith that the feared Croatia attack were held at bay.

In the first 25 minutes Croatia maintained a barrage of pressure against Yugal and forced five corners.

In the 27th minute, a confident appeal for handball in the Yugal area was turned down by the referee, Rennie.

The 31st minute saw Rezo made a slalom run towards goal but he was fouled just outside the area. The resultant free-kick from Woods was pushed wide by Yugal 'keeper Smith.

In the 64th minute a powerful shot from Croatia's Woods was mis-

handled by Smith and cleared off the line by a defender. With minutes remaining Arnold looked to be fouled inside the Yugal area but Rennie turned down the belated appeals from the Croatia players.

It was a disappointing way to finish the competition for Croatia but full credit to Yugal who were the only side to defeat them this year (Yugal won the first round clash at Fraser Park 1-0) and draw 0-0 at King Tomislav Park.

CROATIA: Watson, A.Kovacic, Tomasic, Woods, Sterrey, Vidaic, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, Silva (M.Kovacic 68), Hensman (Holloway 60).

YUGAL: Smith, Gogic, Forrester, McIntosh, Clarke, Pahor (Jesic 63), Mihaljovic, Baumgartner, Turkoglu, Zivkovic.

MANLY finished the season on a high note defeating Inter-Monaro 2-0 at Cromer Park.

Manly created the better goalscoring opportunities and were rewarded with two fine goals while Monaro played a defensive game in the first half and although adopting a more enterprising display in the second, never broke back.

Opportunities created for Manly's Smith in the 8th and 13th minutes were headed over the bar and deflected for a corner respectively. But Smith's persistence paid off and he broke the deadlock in the 38th minute with an impressive goal.

In the 68th minute Smith broke through, rounded the Monaro 'keeper and his shot was skilfully cleared off the line by Monaro sweeper Santolin.

Manly sealed the game in the 82nd following good lead-up work from Stuart and Peter Falconer with the latter slotting the ball into goal.

BANKSTOWN were held to a 1-1 draw by Auburn at the Soccer Centre and in doing so finished at the bottom of the competition.

Bankstown can feel unlucky with the result considering they were reduced to 10 men after Parker had been surprisingly sent-off in the 33rd minute.

Within the first minute Bankstown hit the lead. A break on the right side saw Bourke lay the ball back for Gilligan and from 30 metres his powerful low drive was always heading for the back of the net.

Seconds before the break Auburn almost levelled terms. Progmelja and Bosonic combined and the latter's cross was headed against the top of the crossbar by Jones.

But Auburn did strike back in the 54th minute when a cross from Jones on the right was confidently headed into goal by Carney.

Midway through the half Kinsey made a weaving run towards goal but a brave low save from Bankstown 'keeper Giffin parried what looked to be a certain goal.

Despite being reduced to 10 men, Bankstown maintained pressure on the Auburn defence and were unlucky not to score the winner in the 71st minute when a loose ball deflected against the post and bounced awkwardly away from the outstretched boot of Bankstown striker Gilligan.

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DIVISION 1 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melita	24	17	4	3	53	11	38
Croatia	24	15	8	1	50	11	38
Blacktown	24	17	1	6	54	24	35
Sutherland	24	12	6	6	34	22	30
Ku-Ring-Gai	24	11	7	6	40	27	29
Manly	24	10	6	8	42	39	25
Avala	24	9	7	8	30	35	25
Inter-Monaro	24	8	7	9	32	35	23
Cant-M'ville	24	7	4	13	36	46	18
Yugal	24	5	8	11	20	37	18
Polonia	24	3	7	14	23	61	13
Auburn	24	3	4	17	22	64	10
Bankstown	24	2	5	17	26	61	9

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Blacktown	24	18	6	0	57	17	42
Sutherland	24	19	0	5	70	17	38
Manly	24	16	4	4	66	26	36
Melita	24	14	7	3	72	35	35
Bankstown	24	13	5	8	48	30	31
Ku-Ring-Gai	24	11	7	6	50	29	29
Croatia	23	9	6	9	40	36	23
Auburn	24	9	3	12	34	45	21
Avala	23	6	5	12	38	49	17
Inter-Monaro	24	5	2	17	21	66	12
Cant-M'ville	24	5	1	18	29	60	11
Yugal	24	2	5	17	22	91	9
Polonia	24	1	4	19	14	86	6

DIVISION 1 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	22	13	7	2	48	21	33
Canterbury	22	12	8	2	38	15	32
Sutherland	22	15	1	6	53	21	31
Melita	22	10	9	3	46	22	29
Manly	22	11	5	6	50	28	27
Blacktown	22	10	8	4	37	19	28
Ku-Ring-Gai	22	7	4	11	30	37	18
Bankstown	22	6	5	11	35	40	17
Auburn	22	6	8	10	29	39	16
Avala	22	6	4	12	30	57	16
Polonia	22	6	1	15	14	39	14
Yugal	22	1	2	19	15	64	4

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rockdale	26	19	3	4	66	31	41
Warr-N-been	26	17	6	3	52	23	40
Gladesville	26	15	6	5	48	29	38
Fairy Meadow	26	14	4	8	42	29	32
Wollongong Utd	26	11	8	7	42	27	30
Dee Why	26	11	8	7	39	37	30
Artarmon	26	12	3	11	48	41	27
Revesby Wkrs	26	9	9	8	44	38	27
Penrith Utd	26	8	10	8	30	25	28
Nth Bankstown	26	8	4	14	40	47	20
Blacktown Utd	26	7	5	14	24	35	19
Unit of NSW	26	4	6	18	23	45	14
Parrs City	26	4	6	18	29	58	14
Belfmore	26	2	4	20	22	82	8

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Fairy Meadow	26	19	5	2	74	20	43
Gladesville	26	18	5	3	75	16	41
Penrith Utd	26	14	7	4	55	25	35
Nth Bank	26	14	5	7	64	35	33
Rev Workers	26	15	2	9	71	38	32
Warr N-been	26	11	9	6	46	30	31
Parrs City	26	13	3	10	46	51	23
W'gong Utd	26	9	5	12	45	80	23
Artarmon	26	8	4	14	41	71	20
Rockdale	26	8	3	15	36	66	19
Blacktown Utd	26	7	4	15	35	58	18
Dee Why	26	7	2	17	24	62	16
Belfmore	26	5	3	18	31	72	13
Unit of NSW	26	3	5	18	26	70	11

DIVISION 2 - GRADE 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrith Utd	26	23	2	1	89	27	48
Fairy Meadow	26	22	1	3	101	25	45
Unit of NSW	26	17	5	4	80	21	39
Dee Why	26	16	4	6	51	25	36
Gladesville	26	13	7	6	48	28	33
Parrs City	26	14	4	8	57	35	32
Warr-N-been	26	12	3	11	52	52	27
Nth Bankstown	26	9	4	13	44	56	22
Rockdale	26	8	4	14	27	59	20
Belfmore	26	8	3	15	32	50	19
Blacktown Utd	26	7	4	15	39	58	18
Artarmon	26	7	2	17	47	91	16
Rev Wkrs	26	1	3	22	24	97	5
W'gong Utd	26	2	0	24	17	64	4



RISING STAR

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

INTER-MONARO goalkeeper Michael Hocking is an outstanding prospect. He's currently playing in the NSW State League.

At the age of 14, Michael decided to pursue a career in Soccer following injuries sustained while playing Aussie Rules.

Born in March 1962, Michael was signed up by Inter-Monaro at the beginning of the season from neighbouring Canberra Arrows.

Michael started his playing career as a right back with Albury Hotspurs in 1975 and concluded this association at the end of the 1981 season. Surprisingly Michael's first position was right-half. Following an injury to the regular goalkeeper, he decided to play in this vacant position and hasn't looked back since.

At present Michael is studying full-time at the Canberra College of Advanced Education. He is completing his second year of the Communication and Media course.

Last year Michael was selected in the Canberra Arrows senior squad but the fine form of Steve Hoszowski kept him in the youth league side. I asked Michael why he left the Arrows at the beginning of the season.

"Basically it was the outstanding form of Steve Hoszowski which kept me from winning a spot in

the first eleven. I love to play Soccer every week and decided the best way to do this was to transfer to Inter-Monaro," he said.

Playing as the last line of defence, I asked Michael which strikers he has had most difficulty against.

Theodorakopoulos from Canterbury gave me a torrid time in the second round. That afternoon he scored a hat-trick. I'm glad our striker Bernie Godzik is on my side and not any of the opposing teams."

Michael was quick to praise his goalkeeping coach from Albury.

"Chico Vojnovic has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into my development as a goalkeeper. I am thankful for Chico's efforts and the confidence he displayed in me," Hocking said.

Michael is no different from many young players, he has ambition.

"I would eventually like to play in the National League and hopefully Monaro may be included in this competition in the near future. However, I also have to complete my full-time study commitments," Hocking said.

Michael hastened to add that the top four or five teams in the State League could hold their own in the National League. No doubt many other supporters of the NSW State League would agree.

Having played every team in the competition Michael feels that Croatia have the ability to win the semi-final and finals play-off.

"Croatia are the best team I have played against this year. They are strong up front, workmanlike in the midfield and have the tightest defence. And don't forget they have Steve Watson, one of Australia's best goalkeepers," he said.

Despite his late introduction to the greatest game of all, Michael is a fine product of the Albury district and one player who will make a mark for himself in the round ball code.

SAD ENDING FOR ARIS

FIRST division Aris ended the season on an unhappy note when they had two players sent off in their semi-final replay against Port Kembla, reports Phil Murphy.

They also had two players carried off injured and finished the game with a bare seven men.

Their spectators weren't too impressed with referee Stuart Davidson and police were called to Towradgi Park before the end of the game.

Port Kembla won the game 2-1 after the Aris goalkeeper gave away a penalty for the second goal and had himself sent off in the process.

Fernhill were manning the canteen because it was their home ground and one of their officials brought a touch of humour to the evening after police had escorted the referee to the dressing room.

With a group of angry supporters still congregated outside the room, the official stuck his head out of the canteen and said: "we still have plenty of pies and hot coffee if you are going to be here for a while."

of the Coniston-Shell harbour clash.

It seems strange that one could not be played on the Saturday and the other on the Sunday.

This way they would draw more people and have a better atmosphere at the game.

The argument could only be they want to promote their first and second division end-of-season games as well but surely the premier league is the competition the ISA should be putting before the public.

On the subject of the semi-finals, Tarrawanna Oval was in a shocking state for the Figtree-Warilla game.

The ball was bouncing all over the place on the uneven surface and in one corner there is a sandy section which resembles a golf bunker.

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WOLLONGONG United turned in their most determined effort of the season to beat Revesby 1-0 at Milperra Reserve.

They had striker Roberto Giraldi sent off after just 19 minutes and looked to face an uphill battle.

A goal direct from a corner kick by Rade Stefanovski gave United the points and coach Larry Ashbolt felt Lady Luck and smiled on his side for once.

One of the early season favourites for promotion, United have struggled through injuries, suspensions and poor finishing.

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FOR the first time all season Fairy Meadow didn't manage a win in any grade when they travelled to Cook Park to meet Penrith.

The first grade went down 1-0, they drew 1-1 in reserves and their depleted under 18 side, who have scored 100 goals this season, went down 2-0.

To make matters worse the under 18's leading scorer Robert Brilliante broke an arm and is sidelined for the top four series.

COACHING POSITION

Maccabi Soccer Club invites all applications for the position of COACH for the 1984 season.

All enquiries to the Club Secretary:

MR MICK SWIREL

389 1281

Closing date for application October 5, 1983.

NORTHERN NSW

ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUDS paid the penalty for indiscriminate finishing when beaten 2 - 0 by Weston in the preliminary Final in the Northern NSW Soccer competition at Edgeworth Park.

First half goals by Steve Turnbull and Ian Bannon gave Weston a comfortable lead.

The guile of former Welsh Junior international Andy Jones posed a problem for Adamstown's central defence while Dave Miller in Weston's midfield completely ne-

gated the threat of Adamstown's John McQuarrie.

Adamstown were without their leading goalscorer who had been ordered off in last week's semi-final against West Wallsend and an appeal against the suspension was dismissed.

Carl Lochrin played an

important role in the Adamstown defence though his value as an attacking midfielder was lost.

Towards the end Adamstown made an all-out bid to come back into the game as an attacking force and there were many exciting moments in the Weston goalmouth.

Substitute Ross Wells, Richard Hartley and Derek Todd scorned goalscoring chances to allow Weston to proceed into the Grand Final against major Premiers, Central Coast at the International Sports Centre next Sunday.

N.S.W. SOCCER FEDERATION STATE LEAGUE DIVISION III

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Soccer Section

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3.00pm	(1st Grade)	Blacktown City v Sutherland
1.00pm	(2nd Grade)	Manly-Warringah v Melita Eagles
11.30am	(2nd Grade)	Sutherland v Melita Eagles

★ STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION SEMI-FINALS

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 1983
FRANCIS PARK

3.00pm	(1st Grade)	Rockdale v Gladesville Ravens
1.00pm	(2nd Grade)	Fairy Meadow v Penrith United
11.00am	(3rd Grade)	Penrith United v Uni of NSW

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
LITTLE BAY OVAL

3.00pm	(1st Grade)	Warringah-Narrabeen v Fairy Meadow
1.00pm	(2nd Grade)	Gladesville Ravens v North Bankstown
11.00am	(3rd Grade)	Fairy Meadow v Dee Why

ANOTHER 'AVALA ASSAULT' VIEW

READING Soccer Weekly (Vol 4, No 146) as I always do, I stumbled upon the story 'ASSAULTED' AVALA MANAGER PROTEST. What a lot of nonsense.

I was at King Tomislav Park at the game between Avala and Croatia.

After an incident on the field two players, one from Croatia and one from Avala, were sent off. On the way to the sideline they both exchanged words and then the Croatia player pushed the Avala player.

Some Croatia spectators ran to the fence and a couple jumped it. There was a bit of a struggle, but thanks to the Croatia officials and Police it was all under control within minutes. As can be seen on the picture provided, there was not a brawl, neither were stones or bricks thrown around, unless I was knocked out by one and didn't see anything!

Mr Cirjanic stated that he was attacked and forced to lock himself and others in the dressing room until the Police arrived. The Police were already at the ground controlling the incident.

Mr Cirjanic's problem is that he can't stand a heavy defeat by a team like Croatia who with Melita at this moment are playing the best Soccer in the league.

S.V. Simpson,

FAIRFIELD, NSW

IN PRAISE OF DEFENDERS

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

DEFENDERS are generally regarded as the tough men of Soccer. They are usually admired but not loved. The NSW State League possesses many outstanding defenders.

Two clubs which have fine defensive records this year are Croatia and Melita. Each has con-

ceded only 11 goals in 23 games.

Croatia have a rock-solid defensive formation

and are well marshalled by Lee Sterrey at centre back.

Alex Kovacic and

Spiro Hantzis

Drago Tomasic have been playing solidly throughout the season and the only real problem has been the injuries sustained by Bruno Vidaic, earlier in the season and recently by right back Tom Basic.

The well-drilled Melita defence, despite their lack of height, have a wealth of experience and skill.

Captain Mickey Cross has led his side well.

Paul Daley, who missed a few games due to commitments with the National Youth side, is a most difficult man to pass in the central defensive position.

On the right side Richie Williams has been playing consistently and is a constant threat with his overlapping runs.

Blacktown City have one of the tallest, strongest and most experienced defensive formations in the competition.

Experienced Australian representative Robert Wheatley is a constant menace to opposing defences with his surging runs and dangerous crosses from the right side.

On the left Tony Rassmussen is one of the most tenacious defenders in the competition. Twin defenders Cliff Pointer, injured at present, and Warren Turnbull are a tower of strength.

Peter Brogan, the "utility" man of the Blacktown club, has been doing a fine job in the defence for the Demons.

Ku-ring-gai, who have surprised many people with their goalscoring feats in recent weeks, have a blend of youth and experience.

Mike Berry and David Kevern have been outstanding for the Chasers this year. Young left back Trevor Jesse is a player who will stand out in the future.

Sutherland, another club with plenty of experience in their backline, on average have conceded under one goal a game. Peter Terry, re-signed from St George earlier this season, has stood out for the Sharks in the left back position.

Mitch Hesford, Vic Dal Forno and Keith Schuman have all performed admirably for the Sharks.

Avala, another side which has been unsettled by injuries in defence, have been well served by Mark Barton, John Lem-bryk and on the right side by Grujo Vujinovic.

Manly have conceded 39 goals in 23 matches this year. The loss of Andy Scott and Bruce Doyle didn't help.

Bob Geoghegan has been a big asset to the backline.

Inter-Monaro have a rock-like defence, particularly when playing at home in Queanbeyan.

Captain John Santolin

Peter Terry

is a resolute leader. Aldo Charles on the left has performed well. On the right, Craig Leith and Gabriel Domazetovich have been fighting for this position all year.

The Canterbury defence is a mixture of youth and maturity. The experienced Billy Palmer, Tony Antonopoulos and Spiro Hantzis are their best performers.

Yugal, when at full strength, have one of the hardest defensive formations in the competition.

Charlie Prgomelja

The centre-back combination of David McIntosh and John Clarke is, one of the best in the league. Young Mark Turkoglu is an outstanding player to come through the ranks.

Polonia, a side that has created many problems for most teams this year, has an abundance of experienced defenders.

Irak Garlowski, Anton Galas and Ron Geekie stand out.

Auburn, a club that harvests outstanding junior talent, has de-

Roy Agostino

fended poorly. However, the future looks bright with the further development of Slav Planinic and Mike Kelly and the guidance of experienced Charlie Prgomelja.

Bankstown have by far the youngest defence in the competition with an average age of about 20.

Players to shine are Roy Agostino, Warren Kennedy, Alan Beck, Simon Vaughan, Greg King and Steve Blackburn. No doubt this season's experience will be valuable

DEMONS INJURY PLIGHT

BY ANDY PASCHALIDIS

BLACKTOWN City, the 1983 Club Champions, face an injury crisis going into this Sunday's semi-final clash against Sutherland at Melita Stadium.

At the time of publication injuries to John Stoddart, Tony Rassmussen and Barry Walker have forced doubts about their availability in this important sudden-death clash.

John Stoddart has been carrying a knee injury and hasn't trained in three weeks. Barry Walker aggravated an injury last Sunday which kept him out of the second round of the competition and Tony Rassmussen suffered a ligament injury last Sunday which forced him off the field during last weekend's game against Ku-Ring-Gai.

Blacktown City coach, Casey De Bruin, is confident of success despite these setbacks.

"These injuries are causing us problems but I feel we will still win. There is plenty of team spirit and we have a depth of reserve talent in our unbeaten second grade side.

"Sutherland are one side which I respect more than most teams but I am still confident," De Bruin added.

Blacktown City have an abundance of top young talent in their lower grades and no doubt the players promoted into the first 11 will give their best as they have done on previous occasions.

On the other hand Sutherland have no serious injury problems and their spot in the top four had to be decided in the last round. They go into the semi-final with nothing to lose.

Sutherland coach John Watkiss is quietly positive about his team's chances.

"We will analyse the opposition before selecting our best team and I am sure the boys will give their best. Unfortunately we didn't fare too well against Blacktown in the two premiership games losing 2-0 and 3-0.

"The players have been tentative in recent weeks because of the pressure in making the top four and now everything is in front of them and I am sure they won't let the supporters down," Watkiss concluded.

The strength of both forward lines will deter-

mine the outcome of this match. Each side has rock solid defensive formations.

The defensive line-up of Mitch Hesford, Vic Dal Forno, Peter Terry and Keith Schuman has been firing at the right time for Sutherland.

The town defence which is like being without Rassmussen is well equipped with the likes of Warren Turnbull, Robert Wheatley, Peter Brogan and the welcome return from injury of Cliff Pointer.

The Demons will be heavily relying on the "Young Brigade" of John Larkin and Michael McLaughlin for their attacking movements.

The Sharks have a wealth of experience in their firing line with the talents of Peter Beggs, Steve Meades and Nigel Groome certain to spark them in attack.

NSW SOCCER FEDERATION RESULTS

Melita Eagles v Polonia	7-0	6-0	4-0
Croatia Sydney v S.S.C. Yugal	0-0	6-1	5-0
Sutherland Shire v Cant-M'ville Oly	2-0	7-0	0-2
Bankstown v Auburn	1-1	1-2	1-1
Blacktown City v Ku-Ring-Gai	2-2	2-2	2-0
Manly Warringah v Inter Monaro	2-0	8-1	

STATE LEAGUE 2ND DIVISION

Nth Bankstown v Dee Why	0-3	7-2	0-2
Penrith Utd v Blacktown Utd	1-0	1-0	4-1
G'ville Ravens v Fairy Meadow	3-0	1-0	1-1
Parramatta City v Belmore	5-0	1-2	5-0
W'gong Utd v Revesby Wks	0-2	0-5	4-3
Rockdale Ilinden v Uni of NSW	4-2	2-2	0-3
Warr N'been v Artarmon	3-0	1-1	7-3

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THE CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC SUPPORTERS' CLUB, INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR COACHES FOR THEIR YOUTH teams, Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s.

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Supporters' Club
Mr Grafakis
C/- Canterbury Marrickville Olympic S.F.C.
2 Beechag Street,
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All applications must be submitted BEFORE November 9th, 1983



Cliff Pointer (left) flying high for the Demons.

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REGISTER ROW IN S.A.

ADELAIDE's two NSL clubs could have a fight on their hands to retain the dual registration set-up their players currently enjoy, reports TOM MCKAIN.

With West Adelaide in the First Division of the local League and City in the Second, all their players are on NSL forms in a massive senior squad.

But come 1984, several clubs want changes — the biggest being the banning of NSL players, or at least a restriction.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that City is now expected to be moved into First Division next season.

Currently lying in second place in Second Division behind Salisbury which has already sealed up the League, it has only to win the last match of the season to clinch second berth.

With the First Division 99 per cent certain to be

increased to 12 teams from the current 10, City would move up with Salisbury.

Cumberland is the only threat to City, trailing the NSL side only on goal difference, 21 to 27.

The NSL clubs are keen to play in the top League.

For starters it gives their injured or off-form players strong workouts for the national line-up, and also attracts players from other clubs.

Many will take a punt on making the NSL side as long as they know they can still play First Division Soccer while trying to make the grade.

Help could be on the way for the national pair in the shape of a plea from S.A.Federation secretary Peter Nikolich.

"I am against any sort of ban on NSL players, he said.

"No matter what system you use, it would be hard to police."

IN S.A.

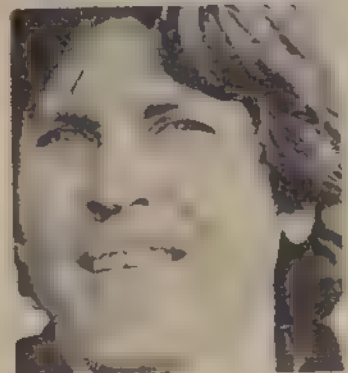
Some clubs want an age limit, a number limit, or a ban on players who have played three or more games straight in the NSL in the one season.

So far West and City have not stacked their State League teams with NSL players — indeed they have so few men who measure up to national standard that their reserve teams are bursting with young hopefuls.

And West coach Alan Vest has repeatedly pointed out that although players are regulars in a First Division team it takes then four or five NSL games to adjust to the pace and standard.

The S.A.Federation Board will draw up suggestions to be put to the Council of Clubs at a meeting in October, when a final decision will be made.

Meanwhile Adelaide City has been doing its part with an invitation to



Alan Vest,

certain State League club officials for a "drinks and cheese" session before and after the NSL game with Sydney City.

It is hoped delegates can be persuaded to vote the NSL clubs into the local scene again, with no restrictions.

West has also been doing some lobbying, but there is a hard core of officials in the local set-up who still reject what the NSL clubs represent — a competition which relegates them to minnows in a local pond.

Our tip is that City and West will win their fight — but it could be very messy before that October meeting.

STH. AUSTRALIA!

BEOGRAD are poised to score a treble in the S.A.State League following last weekend's 1-0 win over Salisbury in the PGH Federation Cup.

That gave them the League and Cup double, and on Saturday they meet Polonia in the play-offs for the Coca Cola top-four Cup while runners-up Croatia take on Parra Hills who finished fourth in the League.

While Beograd did not look convincing in beating Modbury in the Federation Cup semi-finals against Salisbury, they showed they had regained their composure and while there was only one goal — from Djuro Arzina in the second half



Back (L-R): W. Neads (Manager), A. Bacic, P. Huigsloot, M. Oakes, W. Kirkpatrick, S. Smith, N. Thomas, L. Nunn, J. Grimsey (Coach). Front (L-R): I. Cahut, P. Furjanic, W. Cowen, D. Spendiff, W. Peters, D. Trueman, S. Collins. (Photo by Walter Pless)

COACH BITES DUST

TASMANIAN State League side, Croatia-Glenorchy, dismissed coach John Grimsey with one League match left to play this season reports VAN DIEMEN.

The dismissal followed Croatia's 2-1 defeat at the hands of University.

The club had already qualified for the end of season "top four" series so the sacking came as quite a surprise, especially given the fact that Grimsey had already coached the team to a win in the pre-season Cup.

Croatia also sacked its coach last season after failing to make the "top four" but having also won the pre-season Cup.

Croatia's president, Tony Dzelalija, issued a statement blaming Grimsey for the team's recent slump in form which saw it slip from first to fourth place.

"Mr Grimsey has been dismissed because of the recent poor results of the team," he said. "Six weeks ago, the team was on top of the League. We haven't had any injuries or lost any players. We've still got the same team and now we've slipped to fourth place."

Croatia has certainly had many problems this season. After signing four Lebanese players from Sydney, the players were allowed to return to New South Wales after playing in only about four or five matches.

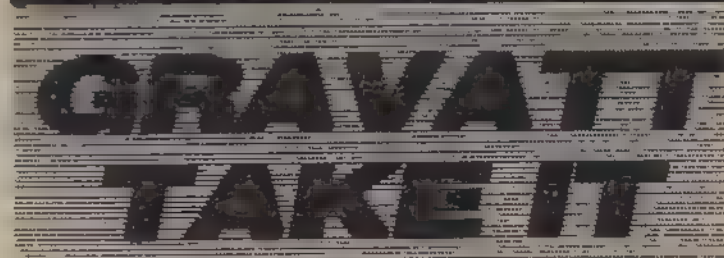
Their departure prompted the resignation of the then president, Dennis Trueman.

The Lebanese players failed to fit into the team and their presence created quite a bit of friction within the ranks of players and supporters.

Croatia topped the League on July 31 but then slumped to a "safe"

less draw in its next four games.

Centre-forward, Mark Oakes, has been appointed caretaker coach for the remaining League game and finals series.



MOUNT Gravatt are the Queensland Premier League champions.

The Hawks clinched the title a week ago when they downed Valley Trident 2-0 while second placed team Olympic, then one point behind, lost 0-1 to Acacia Ridge.

Mount Gravatt went into their final fixture against Acacia Ridge last weekend with an unassailable three point lead.

Mount Gravatt had always been thereabouts in the championship race but only hit the lead in the past month.

Eastern Suburbs raced to the top of the table inside the first two months but began to slip which was never halted and finished the season disappointingly mid-table.

Olympic took over from Easts and powered their way to a five point lead by the ninth round.

But the consistency and experience of the Eric Thompson-coached Hawks could never be written off and week after week the Hawks slowly ground down Olympic's lead.

Mount Gravatt, the best balanced team in the competition and undoubtedly the club with the most depth, finally hit the lead in round 16. The two clubs traded the top of the table position for several weeks before injuries and the pressure seemed to take its toll on Olympic and they faltered at the last hurdle.

Apart from Mount Gravatt, the success stories of the second round were undoubtedly Ipswich and Lions.

In addition to winning the Ampol Cup, Ipswich turned in a superb second round performance to come from 11 points adrift of the lead in Round 9 to be in third place, only two points off second with the last round to be played.

Similarly Lions came from a seemingly hopeless mid-table position to edge Thistle out of the four with one fixture remaining.

Thistle still had a chance of making the finals but had to rely on North Star toppling Lions in the final fixture.

It was the first and will be the last year of the present format, as the premier league will be reshuffled next

And that can only help as this season the standard was extremely disappointing with a number of teams failing to fulfil their promise and a number of leading clubs lacking consistency.

The finals series starts this weekend, while the premier league grand final is scheduled for October 8 or 9.

AXE, AND WE'RE DEAD

THE Queensland Soccer Federation's restructuring committee has come in for some of its most heated criticism yet following a decision to axe clubs outside of the Brisbane metropolitan area from Queensland's main Soccer competitions next year.

The clubs immediately affected are second division leaders Nerang (Gold Coast) and Toowoomba clubs St Albans (third in second division) and Willowburn (top of the sixth division).

Nerang and St Albans have been playing in the Brisbane competition for more than 10 years and both clubs were considering applications in the near future for the QSF's new Intermediate league — the league immediately below the QSF's new showpiece, the premier league.

But the restructuring committee seems determined to establish strong competitions in Brisbane, saying stability of the code in the capital city would eventually spread to the regional areas.

All three clubs axed can return to their local competitions, but in the case of St Albans it will mean fielding four teams in to local leagues.

Club officials from all three clubs affected claim it could well mean the demise of the clubs.

They claim playing in Brisbane was the attraction which drew many of their players and provided an incentive for the juniors.

The restructuring committee argued that the clubs were weakening the others in their local area because the lure of playing Brisbane drew good players from other sides.

The matter was hotly debated at the last QSF Council meeting and a motion to rescind the sub-committee's recommendation, as carried in a management committee resolution, was lost 16-21.

But many clubs abstained from voting and it became apparent while many did not approve of the action to axe the three country clubs, they weren't about to make waves — particularly if it could cost their own club a place in a new higher league.

BIG MATCH WASHOUT

BY "VAN DIEMEN"

HEAVY rain caused the postponement of half the Tasmanian Cadbury State League programme, including the championship decider between Juventus-Pioneer and Rapid-Wrest Point. The other match postponed was between Olympia and Caledonians.

In matches that were played Croatia-Glenorchy ended its League programme by coming back from a 2-0 deficit against relegated White Eagles to snatch a 2-2 draw. Croatia had numerous chances early on but the woodwork and some incredibly poor shooting thwarted its efforts.

Dave Stoddart put Eagles in front four minutes before the break when he brilliantly volleyed home Andrew Leszczynski's cross. Richard Leszczynski's goal in the 75th minute appeared to spell the end for Croatia, for whom Billy Kirkpatrick missed a penalty two minutes into the second half.

A determined comeback leading to goals by Bacic and Kirkpatrick in the final 10 minutes saw Croatia snatch a point, however.

A Paul Hallam penalty after only 10 minutes put Metro-Claremont on the way to victory against University. Steve Pitchford made it 2-0 in the 38th minute before Mark Shearman pulled one back for the students right on halftime.

Four minutes into the second period, Peter Crowther levelled the scores but John McIntyre

then went on a goal rampage and notched a hat-trick.

Although O'Brien scored another for University, Metro hung on to win 5-3.

Hallam had the chance to score again from the penalty spot in the second half but his firm strike was superbly saved by Steve Darby.

The postponed championship decider is a repeat of last year's match between Juventus and Rapid. It is the third year in succession that the League championship has been decided in the final match.

Both sides have lost half their squads since last year's game. John Charlton and Steve Craven will play for Juventus this year, having been in the Rapid side that won 3-0 last year.

Juventus only needs to draw as it has a vastly superior goal difference. If Juventus wins the title, John Charlton will have achieved a hat-trick of championships.

He has also managed to score in each of the past two years' championship deciding games.

Details: Croatia 2 White Eagles 2, University 3 Metro 5

TASMANIAN CADBURY STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	20	14	1	5	51	22	29
Rapid	20	13	3	4	35	22	29
Olympia	20	10	6	4	51	31	26
Croatia	21	10	4	7	42	36	24
Metro	21	6	6	9	34	39	18
Caledonians	20	6	5	9	38	36	17
University	21	8	0	13	33	60	16
White Eagles	21	2	1	18	23	61	5



**KEITH
GILMOUR
JS
JUNIOR
SCENE**



NO! Just heading practice, using two players for a start, is great to get the feel of the ball and improve proficiency. Note how the player (right) who has played the ball has his eyes glued on it, just as the player with back arched has, as he prepares to receive it. In the other picture four players demonstrate how they can keep going indefinitely with the ball in the air.



GO FOR IT!

Queensland representative action. You couldn't find more concentration anywhere as Jeff Bundesen of Wide Bay breaks through the South West Queensland defence at the U15 State titles held in Bundaberg, one of Queensland's top Soccer centres.



BIRRRONG FIELDS 32 KO TEAMS

BIRRRONG Sports Soccer Club recently held a knock out competition, for 2nd division or lower, under 9 years of age Soccer teams.

A total of 32 teams from all over Sydney entered into what Birrong hopes will become an annual event.

The competition was won by Abbotsford Sports Club division 2 team, who are currently playing in the Canterbury and Districts Soccer Football Association's Saturday morning competition.

The Abbotsford team managed to win all of

their games without conceding a goal.

The boys played exceptionally well and achieved a high standard.

As well as winning the Soccer competition, Mark Rooney from Abbotsford won the sprint final in which each team was able to nominate two competitors.

His team mate Fabian Rotondo came a creditable 4th place

MINI MIGHT!

FOR THE first time the Canterbury and District SFA organised mini-soccer social games for their 282 registered under 7 years of age soccer players this season.

Sixteen clubs took part, entering 30 teams between them. The games played on a small field with small goals.

A maximum of 7 players were on the field for each team at any one time. The games lasted for 20 minutes each half.

Because they were social games, no point score tables were kept.

As well as teaching young players how to play soccer, some clubs took the opportunity to encourage their juniors to gain refereeing experience by allowing them to referee the mini-soccer games.

In recognition of their participation, each player will receive a memento of the 1983 soccer season from the C.D.S.F.A. at its Junior Presentation on the 30th October.

- Helen Saad



Lakemba Under 7's. F. Hageall, A. Zafiris, B. Bruneau, R. Blanda, A. Fawzi, N. Maksoud, G. Said, P. Vincent, M. Johnson, T. Masalkovski, C. Stewart (coach).



Enfield Under 7's. B. Greenhalgh, S. Ragic, L. Tzavaras, C. Broome, R. Bailion, M. Fisk, S. Bailey, S. Lugar, E. Ungaro (coach).



Hurlstone Park Under 7's. C. Hitchcock, S. Padayachi, J. Craig, G. Anagionakis, B. Joseph, C. Pepper, T. Tieney, D. Rafter, B. Rule.



Strathfield Under 7's. J. Hill, A. Wechsler, I. Starkey, G. Menguzzo, A. Leslie, R. Paterson, J. Di-Michel, J. Richardson.



Abbotsford Sports Club 9/2. Back (L to R): A. Proops, S. Smith, F. Rotonda, N. Mulheron, S. Morley, N. Sel. Front: G. Franco, M. Zakarlja, M. Rooney, D. Bonanno, P. Beardsley, J. Patane.

CARAMBA!



IN SOCCERDOM'S United Nations the South American contingent plays a big part out Southern Districts way in Sydney. Here are the little U6 lads from the Fairfield Athletic SFC: Mar-

celo Freitas, Alex Gonzales, Daniel Padilla, Paul Trucido, Michael Matthews, Andrew Viegas, Jeffrey Oliva, John Dacunha, Diego Torre, Gaston Montivero, Andres Bottino, Ariel To-

ledo, Daniel Gonzales, Fernando Aguerro, Luis Abarzua, Robert Cortez. Coaches: Alcides Riveiro, Jose Torre. Manager: Sandra Mendoza.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

BY PETER RUSSELL

THE National Youth League 'Champions elect', Sydney City, really did it in style, thrashing a hapless Canberra Arrows side by six goals to nil. Second placed St George secured their place in the top four with a comfortable mid-week win over Leichhardt by three goals to nil, even though they went down by three goals to one at the hands of Newcastle at Adamstown Oval on Saturday.

However despite their win against the Saints, Newcastle's place in the top four still has not been settled and the final two places might not be de-

cided until the last game on the 2nd October.

Even the Australian Institute's four goals to nil defeat of Olympic on Saturday hasn't resolved

anything yet as both have still two games to play. The AIS has the harder task of the two, facing Sydney City (home) and St George (away), while Olympic play their remaining two games at St George Stadium against Wollongong and Leichhardt respectively.

At Adamstown Oval on Saturday the Saints were unable to repeat their mid-week winning form against a resolute Newcastle side, who were determined not to throw away their top four chances by fighting for every ball. The Saints, who were severely handicapped in the central defence area with the loss of Geoff BISCAYA (broken leg) at the recent Schoolboy Championships and Kenny WILSON (business), were further decimated when Steve ZAN-

TIDES had to be replaced in the 23rd minute. Mike BOOGARD who had an early penalty saved by keeper Lucky NOTARIS, scored two for Newcastle, including another from the spot. David KAISER got the third whilst Vince COLLAGUIRI record the Saints only reply.

At the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday the Slickers ran rampant in a scintillating four goal burst between the 16th and 20th minutes, with great goals from Neil PARFITT, Graeme PATTERSON (2) and Michael LYNCH. Canberra's surrogate keeper, Joe GAGETTI, must have wondered what hit him, but he could not be faulted for any of the six goals, including the last, a cross from Wayne READER which clearly swerved and dipped in the

air and over his head into the net. Ean RODRIGUES capped a live wire performance by netting the Slickers other goal.

The Institute's decisive win by 4-0 over Olympic at the Bruce (Warm up) Stadium on Saturday was fully deserved as they completely dominated their visitors on the day. Institute keeper Tony FRANKEN only had to handle one 'snap' shot and a couple of corners in the entire game, while his counterpart Peter WILSON in the Olympic goal, kept the score to respectable proportions. The AIS goals came from John

MIHAILIDIS (pen), Roy JONES, Warren SPINK and Andrew BERNAL in the first half and although they continued to dominate the game in the second, they were unable to convert their superiority to goals.

Down on the South

Coast, the young Wollongong Wolves did not have a happy return to the Wollongong Showground, going down to Marconi by a solitary Domenic GIANNONE goal in the 12th minute thus allowing Marconi to conclude their 1983 season with a win.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

U8: Granville 2 Orana 1, Gladesville 1 Calare 0, St George 3 Wagga 1, Southern & East 5 St Tablelands 1.

U9: Granville 2 Orana 1, Sutherland 2 Griffith 0, Gladesville 3 Calare 1, St George 12 Wagga 0, Macarthur 1 Illawarra 0, Bankstown 10 St West Slopes 0.

U10: Granville 6 Orana 1, Sutherland 5 Griffith 0, Gladesville 7 Calare 6, Manly 4 Shoalhaven 1, St George 10 Wagga 0, Macarthur 3 Illawarra 2, Ku-Ring-Gai 2 Mitchell 0, St & East 7 St Tablelands 0, Bankstown 14

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BIG STRIKERS



Junior coach Robert Fisher was so pleased with the way the Monaro U8 boys played in their first year that he sent us this picture and details of their record. In their first season in the ACT competition, the boys won 13 and drew one of their 14 games. Goal scoring was 65-5. Seven players figured in the scoring with Mathew Cashla and Mathew Beckenham netting 20 each. Five of the players were still eligible to play in U7 grade. Their coach congratulated them on their conduct at games and training.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	23	16	4	3	62	26	52
St George	23	13	2	8	44	33	41
Newcastle	23	12	3	8	39	30	39
AIS	22	10	6	6	33	22	36
Olympic	22	10	3	9	37	35	33
Marconi	24	8	7	9	34	30	31
Canberra	24	9	2	13	31	41	29
Leichhardt	22	4	5	13	24	50	17
Wollongong	22	2	6	14	19	53	12



Australian Schools Soccer Federation president Chapman Bonner of Queensland presents Bill Turner of Booragul High School (Newcastle) with his life membership award.

NSW-ACT TEAM UP

PRIDE of place in the Australian Schools team chosen at the end of the Australian Schools Championship at Spencer Park Brisbane went to the winner ACT and the strong NSW squad.

Selections were made by well known Queensland coach George Pagan. Australian Schools lost out to the Australian Institute of Sport in their representative match.

The result came as no surprise, as the schoolboys had slugged it out all week in championship games.

Coach was Queensland Cliff Mangan of Keebra Park HS, who is a former NSW South Coast Soccer identity.

Stewart Butler of Oxley State High (Q) was the manager and Chapman Bonner of Springwood State High (Q) the leader.

The ASSF squad was: NSW: Bill Londres (Lurnea High), Geoff Bis-

caya (Port Hacking High), Steve Zantides (James Cook High), Matthew Garland (Wyong High), Stephen Waugh (East Hills Boys High), Nick Papas (James Cook High), Ali Reda (Kogarah High), Alex Bundalo (Wollongong High).

ACT: Chris Hummel (Erindale High), Andrew Bernal (Dickson High), Jason Dunn (Stirling High), Darren White (Dickson High).

TAS: Ibro Cahut (Elizabeth Matric College), Andrew Leszczynski (Elizabeth Matric College).

W.A.: Tom Burke (Mercury College).

QLD: Chris Fegan (Cooparoo High).

35 OUT OF 36!

NO WONDER that the Yaralla Soccer Football Club's U9 Blue team is full of joy. The boys from Concord West-Rhodes won the premiership of their NSW Protestant Churches Assn grade.

In their first year they won their U7 competition with four draws to give them 32 points out of 36. In 1982 they went even better still, scoring 35 points out of a possible 36. They won the six-a-side



last year and lost the final on a corner kick this year. They have done extremely well in the KO without winning it, writes enthusiast Yvonne O'Keefe. There is time yet, fellahs! The players (pictured above) are: Salvatore

Tambasco, Daniel Leonard, Howard Dahdah, David Pisano, Peter Allen, David Gormley, Michael Bevan, Chris O'Keefe, Matthew Wright, Kenneth Bascur, Trent Fairweather and Matthew Ryan.



BANKSTOWN UNITED ASSOCIATION OF SOCCER CLUBS YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Saturday 24th September

Under 13 - 1.30 Soccer Centre

Under 16 - 2.30 Soccer Centre

Under 15 - 1.00 Picnic Point H/S

Sunday 25th September

Under 14 - 9.00am Soccer Centre

Contact

George Bell - 728 7883

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HEADS IT IS

Canterbury Association coach John Tscheppera supervises local players in a practice session.

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Enquiries may be made by contacting the secretary

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Squad and U13 Youth League team

Trials for Under 14s, 15s & 16s start November 1, 1983 Commence Tuesday September 20th, and then EVERY Tuesday and Thursday . . . at 6pm:

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STRIKING STRIKER, AND ONLY 13!

BY FRED VILLIERS

ROBINVALE have Emilio Gallo, a 13 year-old player who'll be the most sought after striking forward in the game.

Emilio has just scored a remarkable 34 goals for his under 13 side who beat Panthers 40-1 in an under-13 Sunraysia Soccer League match.

But this isn't all, Emilio has achieved a remarkable tally of 90 goals in 15 league games this season.

In Robinvale they call him "twinkle toes" and believe they have a real Pele in the making.

Emilio's coach, Bob Main, tells AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY: "Needless to say, we are all very proud

"He's so good we are seriously thinking of entering his name for consideration in the Guinness Book of Records."



Fairfield athletic (Southern Districts U8 champions). Standing: Ariel Laurete, Robert Fulete, Alberto Mateos, Michael Diaz, Diego Beitos, Carlos Padilla. Kneeling: Ronald Drinkwater, Luis Rodriguez, Mauricio Islas, Daniel Guerrero, Cristian Vodika. Absent: Jose Perez, Walter Toledo.

HI ALICE!

This NSW U13 team has the excitement ahead of travelling to the 'Red

Centre' of Australia to compete in the National Championships. Their

first match is on Sunday September 28 against the South Australian 'Crow-Easters.' Members of the team are Scott Bowen (Nepean), John Flan (Gladesville), Stephen Georgiakis (Sydney Olympic), Douglas Hamilton (Macarthur), Andrew Long (Sutherland), Steven McLean (Nepean), Zoran Naumovski (St George), Mineo Bonetig (Illawarra), Garry Coutts (Manly), Ian Padewski (Illawarra), Mathew Toohey (Nepean), Jamie Warren (Illawarra), Stephen Dimaudis (St George), Simon Hill (Illawarra), Giuseppe Russo (Sydney Olympic), Gareth Smith (Sydney Olympic).



The team who will look after the boys are Fred Bones (manager and secretary of the huge Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Federation), Ian Lloyd (coach and former senior player) and Stan Ackerley (trainer and former Soccerroo left-back with 28 full international appearances for Australia including World Cup games).



ARMIDALE RUNS HOT

Last season one Armidale Police-Citizens Boys Club team started out with a drab record. Over 24 matches they only collected two goals.

This season they put their act together and, over the competition and carnival games, they collected 28 goals — surely a remarkable improvement.

After being crushed 7-1 by North Armidale, the eventual competition winners, they defeated them 3-2 in the second round and drew 0-0 in the third.

The only team they could not beat was Uralla, the competition runners-up. Goalkeeper Bryce Warren made the U9 representative team as a winger, and the team's girl member Katrina Roberts proved a cool and reliable full-back.

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MAGPIES DOUBLE

FOR KIDDIES in NSW the winning of a State and Metropolitan Soccer championship in one year is the height of success. The young Magpies of Granville pulled off both titles in under 10 and repeated the dose in under 11. Frank Rossettin coached the U11

team, with Billy Maher, brother of former Australian goalkeeper Allan (Spider) Maher, as manager. During 1983 they won 12, drew 2 and lost 2 matches. Allan Maher was involved with under 10s. His advanced coaching methods are bringing great results.



UNDER 10: (Back): Scott Preston, Steve Tyerman, Steve Crawhall, Gary Black, Tim Keech, Andrew Crews, Daniel Harris, Grant Waddups. (Front): Brenden Renaud, Nathan Wells, Paul Richardson, Bradley Gambrell, Craig Rogers, John Frare, Clayton Bricknell.



UNDER 11: (Back): Frank Rossettin (coach), John Rossettin, Andrew Hinccliff, Michael Crossetta, Darren Maher, Sean Scroggie, Steve Johnson, Nathan McKiernan, Greg Erickson, Gary Bell, Billy Maher (manager). (Front): Dirk Lievert, Bradley Wiles, Graham Garrett, Adam Hagger, Glen Johnson, Jason Beedell.

Sth West Slopes 0, Canterbury 5 Bowral 0.

U11: Granville 5 Orana 0, Sutherland 1 Griffith 0, Gladesville 4 Calare 0, Manly 2 Shoalhaven 0, St George 15 Wagga 0, Macarthur 3 Illawarra 1, Ku-Ring-Gai 2 Mitchell 1, Blacktown 12 Far Sth Coast 0, Bankstown 6 Sth West Slopes 0, Canterbury 4 Bowral 0.

U12: Granville 7 Orana 0, Sutherland 4 Griffith 0, Gladesville 3 Calare 2, Shoalhaven 3 Manly 2, St George 2 Wagga 0, Macarthur 2 Illawarra 1, Ku-Ring-Gai 4 Mitchell 1, Sth & East 3 Sth Tablelands 0, Sth West Slopes 3 Bankstown 1, Canterbury 5 Bowral 0.

U13: Granville 3 Orana 0 (corners), Griffith 2 Sutherland 1, Gladesville 4 Calare 2, Manly 5 Shoalhaven 3, Illawarra 3 Macarthur 0, Mitchell 2 Ku-Ring-Gai 1, Blacktown 9 Far Sth Coast 1, Sth & East 4 Sth Tablelands 1.

U14: Granville 1 Orana 0, Sth Dist 4 Albury 1, Sutherland 1 Griffith 0, Gladesville 5 Calare 0, St George 8 Wagga 2, Illawarra 2 Macarthur 1, Mitchell 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 0, Bankstown 4 Sth West Slopes 1, Canterbury 8 Blue Circle 0.

U15: Griffith 1 Sutherland 0, Gladesville 1 Calare 0, Manly 2 Shoalhaven 0, Mitchell 5 Ku-Ring-Gai 1.

U16: Granville 2 Orana 1, Sth Dist 2 Albury 1, Gladesville 3 Calare 0, Wagga 2 St George 1, Sth & East 3 Sth Tablelands 2, Bankstown 5 Sth West Slopes 0.

U18: Wagga 1 St George 0. ALL AGE: Albury 5 Sth Dist 0, Sutherland 3 Leeton 0, Gladesville 7 Calare 0, Manly 4 Shoalhaven 1 (corners), St George 4 Wagga 2, Blacktown 8 Far Sth Coast 0, Sth & East 5 Sth Tablelands 1, Canterbury 3 Highland Rovers 0.

AUBURN BOYS

THEIR TRIP to England in January first takes in a visit to Ipswich Town FC. But they will play games and see First Division games during the tour.



MICHAEL BEKY

CLUBS: Chullora Wolves, Bankstown Reps.
POSITIONS: Centre Forward, Left Wing, Right Wing.
RECORD: Chullora - Premiers 5 years, State winners 2 years, Bankstown Reps - 3rd Metrop, 2nd State.
AMBITION: To play N.S.L. with St George.
TOUR: Meeting 1st Division players.
ENJOYMENT: An exciting game.
STRENGTH: Running with the ball.
WEAKNESS: Tackling.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITES: Terry Creedy, Dez Marton.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Trevor Francis.
OTHER SPORT: Cricket.
COACH'S COMMENTS: Very fast and skillful striker, who at this stage of his development lacks strength.

HAYDEN SANSON

CLUBS: Chullora Wolves, Bankstown Reps.
POSITIONS: Sweeper, Centre Back.
PLAYING RECORD: Chullora - Premiers for 5 years, State Champions - 2 years, Bankstown Reps - 3rd Metrop 2nd State.
AMBITIONS: To play for Liverpool or Auburn 1sts.
TOUR: The experience of seeing top clubs and players.
ENJOYMENT: Playing well.
STRENGTH: Tackling
WEAKNESS: Pressure when with ball.
AUSTRALIAN FAVOURITE: John Kosmina.
OVERSEAS FAVOURITE: Heinz Rummingey.
OTHER SPORT: Cricket.
COACH'S COMMENTS: Team Captain who is a very good example to his team mates, trains and plays hard, tackles and reads the game well.

NEUBERGER WANTS TOP FIFA JOB

HERMANN NEUBERGER has one big ambition — to take over as president of FIFA, succeeding Joao Havelange, who will retire soon.

This being the case, it seemed strange that Neuberger's own country, West Germany, decided not to pursue its plan to stage the 1990 World Cup.

It isn't strange at all. Neuberger wants Italian votes if he is to succeed Havelange. And the cynics claim that if Italy, rather than West Germany, hosts the 1990 Cup, Neuberger will gain many new Italian friends.

Neuberger is a very capable administrator.

He proved that in 1974 when he master-minded the running of the World Cup in Germany; it was not an easy series to run, bearing in mind the huge security problem following the Munich Olympics massacre.

Having made such a success of the 1974 Cup, the German also played a leading part in the 1978 and 1982 World Cups.

His progression to high places in FIFA seems logical, even inevitable.

At this stage, there appear to be few world football statesmen with credentials to equal Hermann Neuberger for FIFA's number one job as president.

OVERSEAS



FIFA REFS REVOLT

FIFA faces a revolt from English referees over the

punishments handed out for so-called "professional fouls."

On instructions from the English FA, refs have been very strict and even sent off several goalkeepers for the mild offence of handling the ball outside the area.

The English refs intend maintaining their strict stand — despite an appeal from FIFA to modify it.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

GREECE									
Ap Athens v Ap K'maria	1-0								
Iraklis v Doxa	1-0								
P'nikos v Egaleo	1-0								
Aek v Ethnikos	5-1								
Aris v Larisa	2-1								
P'nikos v Ofi	2-2								
	W D L F A P								
Iraklis	3 0 0 5 0 6								
P'nikos	3 0 0 8 1 6								
Pak	2 0 0 4 2 4								
Aek	2 0 1 7 2 4								
Aris	2 0 1 7 6 4								
Ap Athens	1 2 0 4 3 4								
POLAND									
Sz Bytom v Chorzow	2-1								
M Lublin v Krakow	2-0								
Zwicz v Wzycz	2-2								
B Gdynia v Zabrze	0-0								
Wid Lodz v Lks Lodz	3-1								
Sl Wroclaw v Katowice	3-2								
L Poznan v Warsaw	2-1								
W Krakow v P S'zcin	1-1								
	W D L F A P								
Lech Poznan	7 0 1 12 4 14								
Wid Lodz	5 3 0 13 3 13								
Go Wzycz	5 1 2 18 8 11								
P S'zcin	5 1 2 15 5 11								
R Chorzow	5 1 2 12 10 11								
YUGOSLAVIA									
Sarajevo v Pristina	6-0								
V'dina NS v Partizan	3-0								
O L'jana v Rijeka	1-2								
V Mostar v Rad Nix	3-0								
Cel Zenica v B'nost T'grad	1-1								
Va Skopje v Sl Tuzla	3-0								
Osijek v Z'car S'jevo	1-0								
Di Zagreb v Di V'kovci	1-2								
Rad Star v Hajduk	2-0								
	W D L F A P								
Rijeka	5 0 2 11 7 10								
Velez	4 1 2 12 4 9								
Hajduk	3 3 1 7 2 9								
Sarajevo	2 4 1 14 7 8								
RED STAR									
Red Star	3 2 2 6 2 8								
Buducnost	3 2 2 9 6 8								
Sloboda	3 2 2 10 9 8								
Partizan	3 2 2 8 9 8								
Pristina	4 0 3 8 14 8								
HOLLAND									
PSV v Volendam	3-1								
Deventer v Sittard	3-2								
Dordrecht v Den Bosch	1-3								
Sp R'dam v Utrecht	6-1								
Ex R'dam v Willem II	0-1								
Roda JC v Pec Zwolle	7-3								
Az'67 v Sport	3-1								
Ajax v F'noord	8-2								
Groningen v Haarlem	1-2								
	W D L F A P								
Ajax	6 1 0 29 8 13								
Roda JC K'de	4 3 0 17 9 11								
Feyenoord	5 1 1 20 14 11								
PSV E'hoven	5 0 2 16 6 10								
Deventer	4 2 1 17 11 10								
ITALY									
Ascoli v Avellino	4-1								
Lazio v Inter	3-0								
AC Milan v Verona	4-2								
Napoli v Genoa	0-0								
Pisa v Juventus	0-0								
S'doria v Roma	1-2								
Torino v F'ina	1-0								
Udinese v Catania	3-1								
	W D L F A P								
Udinese	2 0 0 8 1 4								
Roma	2 0 0 4 1 4								
Juventus	1 1 0 7 0 3								
Torino	1 1 0 1 0 3								
F'ina	1 0 1 5 2 2								
Avellino	1 0 1 5 4 2								
Lazio	1 0 1 5 4 2								
Sempdoria	1 0 1 3 3 2								
Verona	1 0 1 6 6 2								
AC Milan	1 0 1 4 6 2								
Ascoli	1 0 1 4 8 2								
SWITZERLAND									
Aarau v Lausanne	2-1								
Chasso v Servette	0-2								
Lucerne v Wettingen	1-0								
N'chatel v Sion	3-1								
S Gallen v B'zona	2-0								
Vevey v La De F	3-2								
Young Boys v G'hoppers	2-3								
FC Zurich v Basle	2-1								
After seven matches:									
1. Grasshoppers Zurich	12 pts.								
2. St Gall 11, 3. Sion 10, 4. Servette 9, 5. FC Zurich 9.									
WEST GERMANY									
K'lautern v D'dorf	5-2								
U'dingen v L'kusen	2-1								
Bo D'mund v B'feld	1-0								
Bay Munich v Mannheim	6-0								
Ein F'furt v Bremen	0-0								
Cologne v Bochum	3-0								
Hamburg v Offenbach	6-0								
Stuttgart v Bor M'bach	0-0								
N'berg v Ein B'wick	4-2								
	W D L F A P								
Bayern	5 2 0 17 6 12								
Hamburg	5 1 1 18 9 11								
U'dingen	5 1 1 20 12 11								
Stuttgart	3 3 1 14 7 9								
M'gladbach	3 2 2 15 9 8								
SPAIN									
Betis v Magaga	2-0								
R Madrid v Valencia	0-1								
V'dolid v S'dad	4-1								
Sporting v Cadiz	2-1								
Murcia v Z'goza	0-0								
Bilbao v S'mance	6-3								
Malorca v Barcelona	1-4								
Osasuna v Madrid	1-2								
Espanol v Sevilla	1-0								
	W D L F A P								
At Madrid	3 0 0 7 2 6								
Murcia	2 1 0 6 2 5								
Valencia	2 1 0 5 3 5								
Bilbao	2 0 0 8 4 4								
Betis	2 0 1 6 3 4								
Barcelona	2 0 1 6 4 4								



Flashback to the 1982 World Cup. Brazil's Falcao heads the ball clear from Italy's Rossi.

ROMA TURN ON SUPER SHOW

THE long-range forecasters are already naming AS Roma as winners of the European Cup... after only the first leg of the first round matches.

Certainly, Roma could hardly have got off to a brighter start.

Playing at home in the Olympic Stadium against Sweden's Gothenburg, the Italian champions won 3-0 and played great football to the delight of their fans.

Gothenburg are no easybeats. They are one of Europe's top teams and last year won the UEFA Cup.

Roma's match-winners were the brilliant Brazilians, Falcao and Toninho Cerezo.

The South American pair dazzled the Swedes with their immaculate touches.

Cerezo, playing his first match in a European competition, scored Roma's third goal.

That was the signal for the supporters to start chanting... "Brazil, Brazil!"

In other matches played last week, there were few shocks and the fancied teams usually came out on top.

ARGIE SOCCER SKINT

THE COLD winds of poverty whistle around the great soccer clubs.

Several of Argentina's most famous clubs face bankruptcy. Among the stricken are — Independiente, Ferrocarril Oeste, Velez Sarsfield, Boca Juniors, Racing River Plate and San Lorenzo.

Estudiantes will sell two players, Jose Luis Brown and Hugo Gottardi, to European clubs to ease their headache.

Meanwhile they still owe Leeds United \$70,000, two years over due, when they bought midfielder Alex Sabella for \$170,000. The first instalment of \$100,000 was paid at the transfer stage but the remainder eludes Leeds and the FA have now been asked to help.

Mighty Manchester United, however, could be heading for an early exit from the Cup Winners Cup.

Playing at Old Trafford, United could only draw 1-1 with Czechoslovakia's Dukla Prague: the Manchester men cannot be optimistic about surviving when they travel for the return leg.

The old question — "How do you make a Maltese cross?" Might have a different answer after these European first round matches.

Three games were played on the George Cross island. The results were:—

Rabat Ajax 0 Inter Bratislava 10

Valletta 0 Glasgow Rangers 8

Hamrun Spartans 0 Dundee United 3

So the visiting teams slammed in 21 goals while Malta's side could not muster one between them.

That WOULD make a Maltese cross!

EUROPEAN CUP

AS Roma (Italy) 3
Gothenburg (Sweden) 0
Athlone (Ireland) 2
Standard Liege (Belgium) 3
Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 0
Olympiakos (Greece) 0

Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0
Bohemians Prague (Czech) 1
Rapid Vienna (Austria) 3
Nantes (France) 0
CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 3
Omonia (Cyprus) 0

Odense BK (Denmark) 0
Liverpool (England) 1
Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 4
Jeunesse Esch (Luxembourg) 1
Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 5
Viking Stavanger (Norway) 1

Hamrun Spartans (Malta) 0
Dundee United (Scotland) 3
Dinamo Minsk (USSR) 1
Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 0
Raba Eto (Hungary) 2
Vikingur Reykjavik (Iceland) 1

Lech Poznan (Poland) 2
Atletic Bilbao (Spain) 0
Benfica (Portugal) 3
Linfield (N. Ireland) 0
Kuusysi Lahti (Finland) 0
Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 1

SV Hamburg (West Germany) bye (opponents Vilaz)



WALTER ZENGA, goalkeeper of Italian team Inter Milan, fell in love with an air hostess when his team flew to Turkey for last week's European match against Trabzon.

During the flight, Zenga was captivated by the hostess's charms and gave her presents, including Inter's lapel badge and team photograph.

The girl — Zual Atmaca — said the Inter goalkeeper made quite a fuss of her and wanted to chat her up on the journey.

Before the team arrived in Turkey, the love-smitten Zenga proposed

marriage to the hostess. "He asked me to marry him," the 22 year-old Zual confirmed to a Turkish newspaper.

Apparently this did not turn out to be ideal preparation for the Italian team's vital UEFA Cup game against Trabzon.

In one of the shock results of the first round, Trabzon beat the glamorous Inter 1-0.

nia Shkodra of Albania suspended)

Return matches Sept. 28

CUP WINNERS CUP

Preliminary Round

FC Magdeburg (East Germany) beat Swansea (Wales) 1-1 and 1-0.

1st Rd 1st Leg

Akranes (Iceland) 1 Aberdeen (Scotland) 2
Innsbruck (Austria) 1 Cologne (West Germany) 0
FC Magdeburg (E. Germany) 1
Barcelona (Spain) 5
Juventus (Italy) 7
Lechia Gdansk (Poland) 0

Paralimni Famagouste (Cyprus) 2
SK Beveren (Belgium) 4

Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) 2
Porto (Portugal) 1
Mersin IYK (Turkey)

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE STARS?



Daglish

FORMER World Cup defender Jackie Charlton believes English Soccer needs crowd-pulling stars but he says there are precious few around.

Going through the first division talent, Charlton could come up with only a few real stars.

He named them: — Ken Dalglish, Ian Rush, Bryan Robson, Frank Stapleton, Cyrille Regis, Gary Shaw, Glenn Hoddle, Alan Brazil and Charlie Nicholas.

Charlton also pointed out that there is a serious shortage of players who can score rocket goals from outside the penalty area.

"In my day," he said, "forwards like Bobby Charlton, Peter Lorimer and Malcolm Macdonald all scored goals regularly with 30 yard piledrivers."



Brazil

BOSS HITS OUT

STEVE ARCHIBALD was transfer-listed by Spurs and team manager Keith Burkinshaw publicly expressed his displeasure with the attitude shown by the Scottish World Cup forward.

"I hope what happened with Archibald has got through to the other players," said Burkinshaw. Soccer is about spirit and wanting to win and that is the attitude the players must take on to the pitch."

Archibald cost Spurs \$1,500,000 when signed from Aberdeen but there's no way he'll fetch a similar fee now.

UK SOCCER SCENE

ALAN DURBAN faces a real battle to retain his job as Sunderland manager after boardroom upheavals.

Sunderland have called an extraordinary general meeting and chairman Tom Cowie is tipped to be unseated. Cowie has always supported Durban, who has 10 months to run on his contract.

HUGE POMMY PAY? NO SIR!

FORGET all the talk about British footballers picking up huge pay packets — the big money is strictly reserved for the few stars in the game.

The Labour Research Department conducted a survey and came up with the information that the average wage for full-time players was \$350 a week. Hardly a fortune and, on UK prices for petrol, meat etc., barely enough to live on.

YOUNG ROBSON GOING PLACES

GARY ROBSON, younger brother of Manchester United's Bryan Robson, is looking top class material after only a couple of outings for West Brom.

He's 18 and is no giant physically — being 5ft

5ins and 9 stone 8lbs — but his mother Maureen says he will grow as strong as brother Bryan, who was even smaller at the same age.

Young Gary doesn't worry about people making comparisons with big brother. "I never think of it," he said. "Bryan is very helpful. I ring him up when I need advice."

West Brom boss Ron Wylie said: "I don't go in for rash predictions, but there is no doubt Gary Robson will become a great player."

PORTSMOUTH forward Mark Hatley is certain the Hampshire side are heading back to the first division.

"We're going up. We're a better bet than Italy were for the World Cup," said Hatley.

"And we play the Italian way — containing the enemy and then striking out."

ARSENAL HIRE A DISC JOCKEY!

ENTERTAINMENT at Arsenal's Highbury ground has been provided by the Metropolitan Police Brass Band for as long as anyone can remember.

This year, though, Arsenal are updating their image. They've even employed a disc jockey to help with pre-match build-up. His name is Jerome Anderson.

We hear the Police Band will still be heard from time to time.

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BIG MONEY BRIGHTON

POP CONCERT promoter Jeffrey Kruger has made a million dollar bid to take over Cup Final team Brighton.

"It would cost a lot more than that," says Brighton chairman Mike Bamber.

An Anglo-American syndicate wants the club.

Bamber said: "Mr Kruger came to see me and said he would like to join the Board — or take over the whole club."

"I told him that if he talked in millions of POUNDS, and if the move benefitted the club and our supporters, we might consider it. I emphasised he must talk in very big money."

Kruger's reply? "It is time for changes and new enthusiasm. Everyone was on a high note when Brighton got to Wembley but the Board has now become complacent."

And the would-be takeover king warned he would fight chairman Bamber at every turn if his bid is rejected.

PETER NICHOLAS, now known as "Arsenal's other Nicholas" after the signing of Charlie from Celtic, is ready to return to the first team.

Peter was injured on Arsenal's pre-season tour of Germany and it was feared he might have a broken leg.

The trouble was only bruising and Welsh skipper Peter is fit again.

FULHAM'S Welsh international defender Jeff Hopkins had his jaw broken against Barnsley and will be out of action for a few weeks.

BOND WANTS MORE

BILLY BONDS, captain of high-flying West Ham, must be a hard man to please.

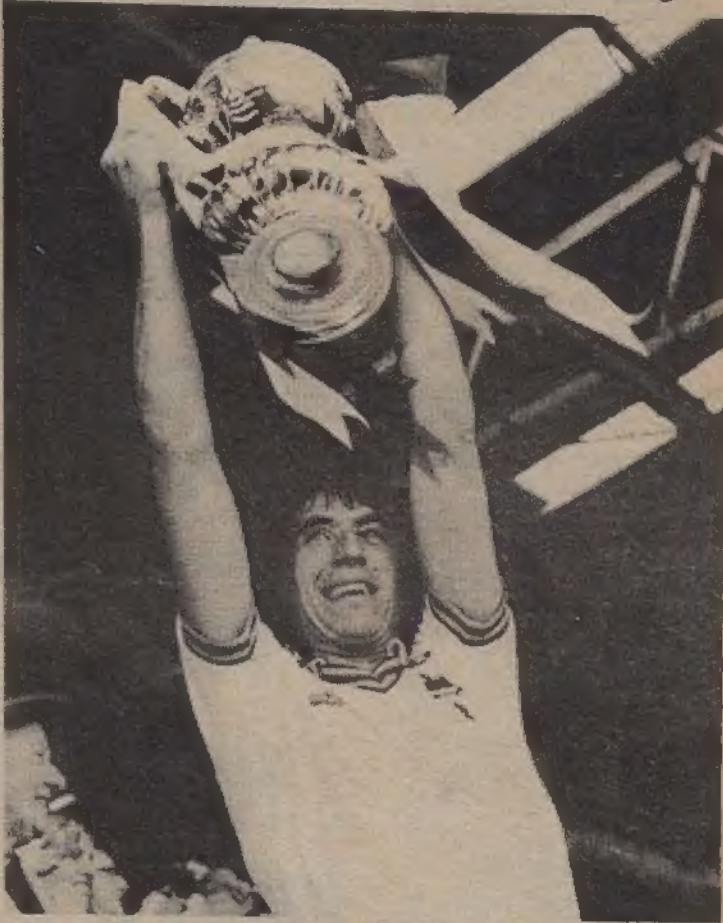
After his Hammers won their first four matches, Bonds said: "We can play a lot better!"

"We have not really done ourselves justice yet. I want to start playing some really good football."

"It's easy to start the season well. The hard

part is maintaining your level of performance and improving on it."

All the teams beaten by West Ham, and those due to play them, must be hoping the improvement is not too devastating.



Billy Bonds, flashback to a FA Cup win

IT'S THE LIFE OF BRIAN CLOUGH!

BRIAN CLOUGH says he wants to stay with Nottingham Forest for the rest of his life.

He made the statement following the usual rumours that he was fighting with some directors and was likely to leave Forest.

"I fully intend Forest to be my last club," said Clough. "I don't want to leave here and suffer problems elsewhere. They'll have to drag me out of Nottingham Forest."

There have been moves to prevent vice-chairman Fred Reager taking over from retiring chairman Geoffrey McPherson. Reager is a strong pro-Clough man.

CHELSEA THUGS!

ONE problem clouds Chelsea's horizon after a good start to the season — their supporters are developing into the worst in England.

After Chelsea won 2-1 at Brighton, those fans staged disgusting riots, felling two policemen who had to go to hospital and generally behaving like maniacs.

Club chairman Ken Bates called the louts "mindless scum." And Chelsea manager John Neal said: "We've got to sort out the bad and the ugly. Lock them up perhaps."

NO GRIP ON OMNITURF IS FRIGHTENING

ALREADY the first division clubs are complaining bitterly about having to play on Queens Park Rangers artificial (Omniturf) pitch.

After QPR beat Aston Villa 2-1 on the controversial surface, Villa captain, Alan Evans, said: "QPR will get a lot of complaints this season. There was no grip at all on that stuff. It's an entirely different game — quite frightening really."

Villa's England forward Peter Withe said: "I played on AstroTurf in North America but this is worse."

Defender Brendan Ormsley added his comment: "I hope we don't have to go to QPR in the Cup. It's the worst artificial surface I've played on."

ENGLAND'S assistant manager Dave Sexton name's QPR's Terry Vanables as the greatest coach in Britain.

PLEAT'S PLEA TO THE FANS

LUTON TOWN manager David Pleat has appealed to supporters not to let bickering about their new ground upset the players.

Luton's fans are very angry about the proposed move to Milton Keynes. Pleat commented: "It would be terrible if this anger were vented on the team."

Tom Hunt, a Supporters' Club official, said: "We have asked the fans to keep everything peaceful. Our quarrel is with the directors — not the players."